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Bank governors ask IMF status for PLO

By Ahmed Shaaban and Elias Haddad

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — Central Bank governors of Islamic nations have asked the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization to the meetings of both institutions, official sources said here Saturday.

The sources said the request was made by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Qurashi, governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), in his capacity as chairman of the recently held meeting of Muslim central bank governors in Riyadh.

Central bank governors and monetary authorities of member states of the OIC also adopted, at their Riyadh meeting in September, a PLO proposal on the generalization of the Arab boycott, of Israel and the provision of further support to the Palestinian resistance, the sources said. The governors decided to encourage and facilitate marketing of Palestinian agricultural and industrial products in Islamic countries, the sources added. (Israeli occupation authorities compel Palestinian farmers to sell their agricultural product to the occupier at low prices).

Habib Charati, secretary general of the 39 Nation Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) also called U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim demanding that the PLO be given observer status at the IMF and World Bank, according to these sources. Both requests were disclosed four days



ARRIVAL: King Fahd receives King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden at Riyadh airport Saturday morning. King Gustaf arrived on a three-day official visit to the Kingdom at the invitation of King Fahd.

Royal couple tours Riyadh Kings exchange gifts

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Feb. 21 — King Fahd and Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf exchanged gifts in Riyadh Saturday afternoon at a meeting attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, Sweden Foreign Minister Olla Ullstrom and other members of the two Kingdoms' delegation.

The Swedish monarch formally began a 3-day state visit to the Kingdom Saturday morning, flying into Riyadh from Jeddah accompanied by the Saudi minister of state, Muhammad Ibrahim Massoud. They were met at the airport by King Fahd, Crown Prince Fahd, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, and other officials and dignitaries.

King Carl gave King Fahd a silver, crested vase with a lid taken from the Swedish Royal family's private collection, according to Swedish sources. He also gave an historic one meter long piece of oak from the 16th century Royal Swedish naval vessel *Wasa* which sank on its maiden journey, but was recovered remarkably intact fifteen years ago.

Crown Prince Fahd received similar gifts, according to Sweden's ambassador, Fredrik Bergan Stalle.

King Carl in turn received a set of gold, hand-drawn jugs, described as "very beautiful" as well as the King Abdul Aziz Award, during the half hour meeting. The meeting was also attended by the King's special adviser Dr. Rashad Pbarson, minister Massoud, and ambassador Kabbani of the Saudi foreign ministry. Prince Saud al Faisal was expected to return to the Kingdom Saturday night to be on hand for substantive discussions with his Swedish opposite number, Olla Ullstrom. Saturday night, Sweden's King and Queen were due to attend separate banquets held in their honor. During the day, the Swedish delegation, which includes two dozen journalists, was driven on a tour of Riyadh.

On Sunday, the Swedish royal couple, which is on its first visit to the Arab world, will tour the ministry of planning and the King Faisal Specialist hospital in Riyadh before driving to Al-Kharj to see the Swedish built dairy, the largest in the Kingdom.

Prosperity for people Fahd commends industrialists

RIYADH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Saturday lauded "all those participants" in the development of the Kingdom's industrial base.

In a statement issued on the eve of "the National Industrial Week" the Crown Prince reiterated the government's interest in establishing "a sound, and advanced industrial base" geared toward the prosperity and progress of the people of the Kingdom.

The Crown Prince said that more than SR26 billion has been invested in over 1,000 productive industrial plants in recent years.

To encourage industry, the Ministry of Industry and Electricity sets up industrial zones, complete with infrastructural facilities, to be leased to entrepreneurs at nominal rent, the prince added.

He added that industrial zones all over the Kingdom now cover an area of more than 14 million square meters.

To support national industry the government exempts the import of machines, tools, instruments, spare parts, and raw material from customs duties. It also protects the industry by limiting or prohibiting imports of competitive products; and raises custom duties on foreign competitive products.

Locally manufactured goods destined for export are also exempted from customs duties.

Joint ventures with not less than 25 per cent of foreign capital are given ten year grace period.

The Saudi Fund for Industrial Development, which gives loans equivalent to 50% of the capital invested, has extended SR6.8 billion to date for 577 projects. It also provides technical and economic advice.

For its part, the ministry has made giant strides in establishing the infrastructure in Jubail and Yanbu. The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) has already signed participation agreements for most of the basic industries projects such as iron and steel, fertilizers and petrochemicals.

It started these industries in Jubail and Yanbu and made tangible progress in training the Saudi manpower to run the projects. (see related story page 2).



Crown Prince Fahd

Sale of F-15 spare parts Israeli protest unheeded

By Bob Lebling and Fawzi Asmar Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 — Eight senators on the Foreign Relations Committee have sent a letter to President Reagan voicing "serious concern" over the possible sale of advanced F-15 accessories to Saudi Arabia, but diplomats here said the letter represented a failure for the Israeli lobby. The letter was signed by a minority of the 17-member committee, and seven of the eight signers were Democrats at a time when Republicans control the Senate, observers noted.

It was also significant that the letter did not specifically call on Reagan to reject the sale of fuel tanks and bomb racks for the 60 F-15 jet fighters the Kingdom will be receiving, diplomatic sources said. Instead, the letter simply urged the president to "consult" the Senate before making any final decision on the sale.

The senators' message was delivered to the White House Thursday night as Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was arriving for several days of talks with U.S. officials. Shamir met Friday with Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. On Tuesday, the Israeli official will confer with President Reagan.

Shamir's visit to Washington has two chief objectives, according to informed sources. First, the foreign minister wants to demonstrate that the Begin government was a good working relationship with the Reagan administration, and thereby enhance his government's chances in the upcoming Israeli elections. Secondly, Shamir is hoping to persuade the administration not to support the expected European initiative for a Middle East peace settlement and the minister will try to prevent Reagan and his advisers from making new commitments to the Arab states.

Shortly before Shamir's arrival, aides to Haig contacted a number of key congressional staff members and urged them not to encourage public criticism of the F-15 accessories sale while the Israeli foreign minister was in Washington, sources said. The Israeli lobby may content itself with the letter from the eight senators, these sources said.

Pro-Israeli lobbyists had originally hoped to convince a majority of the full Senate to sign a strong letter to the president opposing the F-15 sale, but they soon realized they would not be able to achieve this goal, and the draft letter was withdrawn circulation on Capitol Hill.

In its place, a much milder letter was circulated among Senate Foreign Relations Committee members, but that message, also fell short of a majority.

Meanwhile, sources said the Israeli lobby's effectiveness is also being hampered by a political rift in the American Zionist movement. Supporters of Shimon Peres and the Israeli Labor Party are hesitant about helping the Begin government in the Israeli elections approach, the sources said. This split has led to indecisiveness within the U.S. Israeli lobby over how to deal with the Reagan administration.

In another development, Haig told reporters after meeting Shamir that the Reagan administration has told Israel it has no immediate plans to revive the Palestinian autonomy talks. More preparatory discussions were needed before the month-old Republican administration could proceed with U.S. mediation efforts.

Haig would not predict when the talks aimed at granting autonomy to Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, would be resumed. He said he and Shamir considered having further meetings but nothing firm had been decided. Haig said U.S. had every intention of pushing on with the Middle East peacemaking process, which he described as vitally important.

At the same time, a Reagan administration told Congress that it might be possible for the U.S. to supply extra equipment for Saudi Arabia's 60 American-built F-15 fighter planes without endangering Israel's security.

Haig said that he and Shamir also discussed but reached no conclusions on a possible three-way summit meeting in Washington between Reagan and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel. "He would hope that anything our European partners would do with respect to the Middle East would be consistent with and reinforce the ongoing process which is underway," Haig said in response to a question.

Haig said also that he and Shamir had "preliminary discussions" on the issue of a multinational military force to police parts of the Sinai desert after full Israeli withdrawal is completed by April 11, 1982. The two also said they had discussed the possibility of resuming stalled negotiations on the future of the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River. They did not announce any decisions or conclusions. Shamir characterized the talks as "friendly dialogue." Haig said they were "extensive and cordial."

Cuban army evicts gunmen From Ecuadoran embassy

HAVANA, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Security forces Friday night stormed the Ecuadoran embassy here to dislodge a group of armed Cubans who had been holding three diplomats hostage there for more than a week. The hostages, among whom was Ecuadoran Ambassador Jorge Perez Concha, were released after Cuban authorities demanded the unconditional surrender of the embassy.

The group, including women and children, seized the embassy Feb. 14 and demanded to be allowed political asylum in an unspecified country.

Police using tear gas grenades evicted the group, numbering about 72 in the early hours Saturday, without using firearms, the foreign ministry quoted by Havana radio said.

The group had handed over its arms to Ambassador Concha, 72, Thursday, and then released him and the two other hostages, Embassy Counsellor Francisco Proano and a Cuban Secretary, Miss Mercedes Vasquez.

None of the would-be refugees was injured in Saturday's police assault, a foreign ministry statement said. Six ambulances were brought to take away the group.

Twenty minutes before the assault, Cuban President Fidel Castro had arrived outside the embassy for a first-hand look at the situation. The attack was carried out with the authorization of the Ecuadoran government, the Cuban foreign ministry said.

Tracing kidnapped consuls Spanish police bid fails

BILBAO, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Police searching northern Spain have failed to find any trace of three consuls kidnapped by Basque separatists, police sources said Saturday. The honorary consuls of Austria, El Salvador and Uruguay were taken from their homes in Bilbao and Pamplona in well-synchronized raids on Thursday night.

The political-military wing of the Basque separatist organization ETA said Friday night it was holding them and had also tried to kidnap the consuls of Portugal and West Germany.

Armed police and civil guards backed by helicopters were combing the foothills of the Yreneaes and searching isolated farms where the separatists could be hiding. Strict controls remained in force on both sides of the nearby Franco-Spanish border.

The Interior Minister reviewed the situation with police chiefs and civil guard commanders in Madrid while Basque home-rule authorities met in Victoria.

The kidnappers have made no special demand and set no deadline for the release of the consuls.

But in a communique to Basque newspapers, ETA listed objectives including an amnesty for Basque detainees and exiles and a purge of the Spanish police force. They said they want to draw international attention to allegations of police torture in Spain. The kidnappings followed a public outcry over the death in jail of a Basque separatist suspect after nine days in police custody.

They also wanted the resignation of Interior Minister Roson, and referendum on the integration of the neighboring Navarre province into the autonomous Basque country and on a controversial nuclear plant being built at Lemoz, near Bilbao.

The caretaker government, which said Friday it would spare no effort to secure the release of the consuls, had no public comment on the communique. Politicians are studying the result of Friday's parliamentary confidence debate in which Prime Minister-designate Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo failed by seven votes to win the required absolute majority.

Police sources said up to 50 men might have been involved in the kidnappings. They were divided into five groups, one for each target, backed by five other groups. Some of them stayed with the consuls' families through the night to prevent them from calling the police, giving the kidnappers a lead of several hours.

The sources said police found the getaway cars used by the kidnappers near Bilbao and Pamplona and speculated that the consuls might be held near the towns.

Relatives of Gabriel Biurum, the Uruguayan consul in Pamplona, told police the abductors said nothing would happen to him as they were only trying to call international attention to the case of Basque prisoners.

Meanwhile, justice ministry sources said Julio Orueta, one of 121 Basques on a hunger strike at Madrid's Carabanchel prison since last Sunday, has been hospitalized. No word on his condition was given.

Another 26 Basques were reported also on a hunger strike in other Spanish prisons to protest alleged police torture.

Tass accuses U.S. aides of 'misconduct'

MOSCOW, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — The official Tass news agency Saturday accused two U.S. military attaches of drunkenness and sexual misconduct during a visit to the Ukrainian town of Rovno near the Polish border. According to published reports not challenged by the State Department, the incident involved an attempt by KGB security police to blackmail Maj. James R. Holbrook, who traveled to Rovno with another army officer, Lieut.-Col. Thomas A. Spencer.

The State Department said Tuesday it had protested to Moscow against the incident, but declined to give any details of what happened to the two attaches. Maj. Holbrook is now in Washington. Tass denied any attempt at blackmail and said American efforts to use the incident for an anti-Soviet campaign were "reminiscent of the frostiest months of the cold war."

There was no immediate comment from the U.S. embassy here on the Tass allegations mentioned which were attributed to the manager of the hotel where the Americans checked in Jan. 13.

The agency also accused the diplomats of insulting hotel staff and of drunken shouting and swearing.

The news agency accused the two officers of similar misbehavior on an earlier trip to the town of Oryal, alleging they had danced in the street and made other misbehavior actions.

Maj. Holbrook was recalled to Washington shortly after the incident. Lieut.-Col. Spencer is still in Moscow.

The decision of the Soviet authorities to publicize the incident on the eve of the Communist Party's Congress followed signs of a hardening anti-American mood in Moscow. Relations with the United States have reached the coldest level for many years in the four weeks since President Reagan took office. Moscow has charged his administration is determined to restart the cold war.

Western military attaches in Moscow spend most of their assignments travelling around the Soviet Union, normally in pairs, and are closely watched by Soviet security men. They are permitted to visit most places open to foreigners as part of an unwritten bargain under which Soviet military attaches get the same freedom in the West.

PLO man to be extradited to Israel

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (R) — A federal appeals court has ruled that a suspected Palestinian commando, arrested here in August of 1979, must be extradited to Israel where he is wanted for the bombing of a marketplace. The ruling Friday affirmed decisions by lower courts that there is sufficient evidence to send Ziad Abu Eain back to Israel. Officials there say he set off the bomb that killed two persons and injured 36 others in the port city of Tiberias in May of 1979.

The 21-year-old Eain will continue to be held without bail.

His attorneys said they would not take the case of the U.S. Supreme Court. During court proceedings, they had argued that there was insufficient evidence to link him to the bombing, and that the incident was a political offense, exempted from the extradition treaty between the United States and Israel.

Reagan's first month shows change in domestic and foreign policies

By Ralph Harris

SANTA BARBARA, California, Feb. 21 (R) — President Reagan's first month in office has been marked by strong efforts to change the course of U.S. policies at home and abroad. Reagan, 70, has given top priority to acting upon three central promises he made during the election campaign and the transition period.

In foreign policy, he or his aides have issued scathing criticism of Soviet foreign policies, criticism designed to underpin a tougher new U.S. approach to East-West relations.

At home, he has proposed economic policy changes more drastic than anything since the program for overcoming the great depression of the 1930. Last Wednesday, Reagan outlined his plan for slashing government spending and taxes.

Finally, the conservative Republican President has worked hard to establish cor-

the good-natured charm that was his trademark as a film star.

His ability to treat potential political foes in a friendly, conciliatory manner has made a favorable impression upon Democratic leaders of Congress, many of whom have said as much.

The same skills have given him an invaluable mastery over the use of television for mass communication.

Two televised speeches he delivered on the economy, including one announcing his economic proposals at a joint session of Congress last week, made considerable public impact.

He made an effort to reduce economic ills to man-in-the-street terms, and received a large stack of supporting telegrams the following day.

That sort of grass-roots support is what he needs in the inevitable struggles ahead with Congress over his controversial economic proposals.

Reagan has relied heavily on symbolism as well as substance in an effort to achieve his leadership goals.

He has sought to emphasize his authority by restoring grandeur to the presidency, in deliberate contrast to the simplicity and austerity favored by Carter. Reagan's inaugural celebration was a glittering, costly affair, and televised broadcasts gave the public glimpses of celebrities decked in mink, diamonds and tuxedos.

Accompanying the pomp and circumstance of the Jan. 20 inauguration was the drama of the release of the 52 Americans held hostage in Iran for 444 days — and flown out of Iran about 30 minutes after Reagan took the oath of office.

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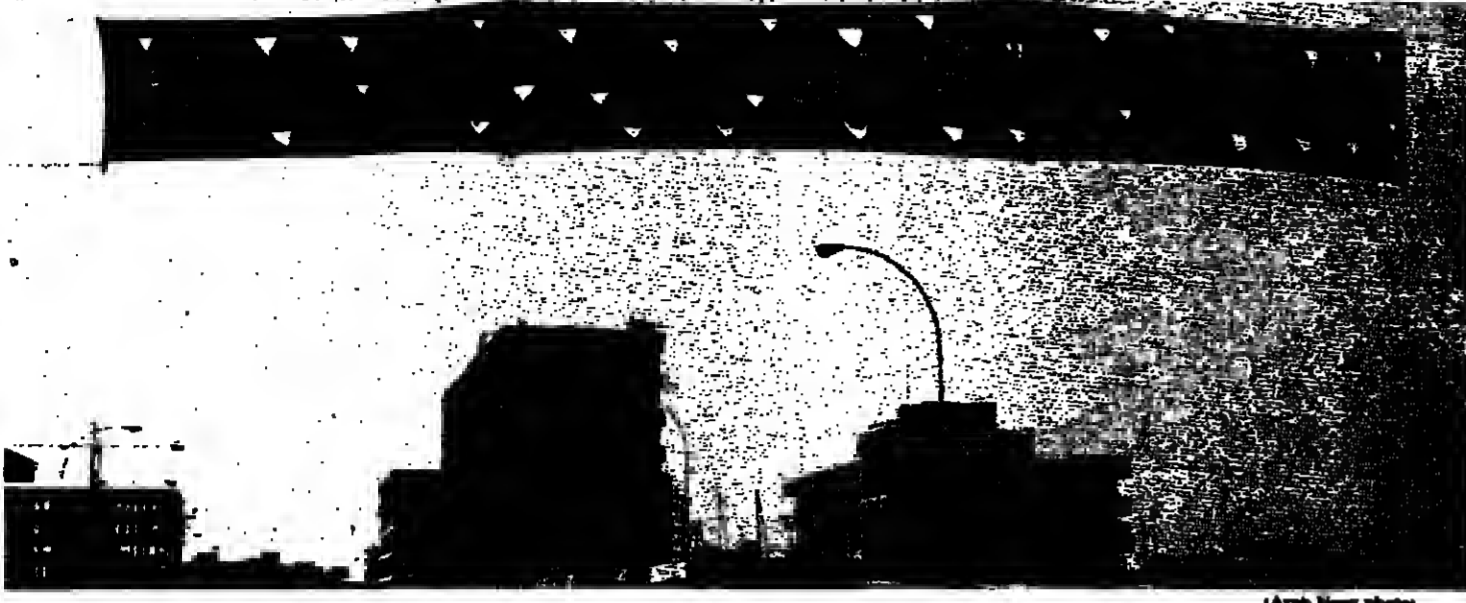
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Across Kingdom

National industry week begins



INDUSTRY WEEK: A banner straddling a Jeddah street proclaims the onset of National Industry week throughout the Kingdom.

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — Exhibitions, seminars and guided tours through factories highlighted various activities here and in other Saudi Arabian cities as National Industry Week kicked off Saturday.

The Ministry of Industry and Electricity has gone all out to acquaint Saudi citizens with a variety of products manufactured locally. Discussing the industrial program of Saudi Arabia, Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Alghosaini said the aim of the ministry is to set up useful industries within the framework of the Third Development plan.

The first plan emphasized the provision of infrastructure services, the second plan emphasized industries and the third plan will concentrate on exports of petrochemical products. Alghosaini said industrial zones have been built in Riyadh, Jeddah, Hofuf, Dammam and Qassim, and the ministry has extended assistance to 600 new industries. In addition, national industries were promoted

and foreign capital investment laws revised in the interest of the industry.

Six contracts have been signed for large-scale industries in Jubail and Yanbu, and the seventh agreement will be signed in the next few weeks. The iron and steel mills are under construction, and others are on the way and should start production within two years, he added. Alghosaini said the quality of local industrial production is excellent and equal to the best produced abroad and that the Industrial Development Fund, which finances new industries in the private sector, has eased considerably its procedures. "There is nothing as easy," he added.

Meanwhile, deputy minister for industry, Dr. Fuad Al Farsi said there are 100 industries in the country at present, and have a total capital investment of SR26 billion. Some industrial products are being protected. For industries to be protected under law their products must be of good quality, meet part of the local demand and must be reasonably priced, he added.

In the Eastern Province, Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilawi opened the indus-

tries week in that province. He also dedicated the permanent national industries exhibition at the industrial zone. The week-long celebrations will include seminars, meetings, film shows on industries and other programs to bring about closer rapport between industries and the government. Special prizes will be awarded by the factories to their most efficient employees. The government and municipality also will give prizes to the factories for quality, safety and hygiene. In addition national factories situated in the industrial city will open their doors to the public. Visitors will see the factories and the items on display will be sold at a discount.

The highlight of the week was a caravan of floats being organized by various factories, which wound its way through the streets of Al Khobar and displayed the various types of agricultural products.

In Jeddah, 30 to 35 industries participated in a parade of floats. The cavalcade wound its way through the city and ended up at Jazirat Afrah, opposite Al Hamra palace. Ahmad Bakr Al-Hibshi, Jeddah Industrial Estate director, told *Saudi Business* magazine, that "What began as a National Industrial Day three years ago has grown into a National Industrial Week after permission was granted to the ministry by Crown Prince Fahd."

Medina telephones to get new number

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Feb. 21 — Officials to Saudi Telephone's Medina district would like to remind subscribers that some telephone numbers in Medina will be changed over the next six months. The changes, involving cabinets numbered 26, 41, 45, 46, 47, 50 and 51, will bring better services to all subscribers, a company press statement said.

Medina district has progressed under the telephone expansion program. One of the most recent developments was the addition, in December (Safar), of two new exchanges with a total capacity of 21,000 lines. The new exchanges are completely automatic and will mean faster service for the telephone users. Subscribers in the seven cabinet areas listed above will be gradually switched to the new exchanges. The Medina telephone administration will inform all subscribers in advance of the changes to their telephone numbers. The change will involve approximately 1,500 subscribers, 8 per cent of Medina's total number of customers, the statement added.

Ministers eye Gulf agriculture

ABU DHABI, Feb. 21 (SPA) — The sixth conference of Arab Gulf Ministers of Agriculture opened here Saturday under Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, president of the United Arab Emirates.

The three-day conference will discuss the common law draft for the exploitation and protection of the Gulf and Arabian peninsula marine resources. It will also draw the guidelines of a food security and food industry development strategy for participating states.

The conference also consider the executive regulations for a joint hunting proposal and discuss a report on marketing and developing markets for fish in the region. The report has been prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Iran official departs

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — Iranian Embassy Hujumilislam Hussain Haqqani left here Friday after delivering a message to Crown Prince Fahd for Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai. He was seen off at the airport by Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, foreign undersecretary for political affairs, and other senior officials.

In Riyadh Education exhibition planned

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — The first education, training and sports equipment show to take place in Saudi Arabia has attracted 200 exhibitors from various countries, an exhibition press statement said Saturday.

Saudi Education '81 will take place at Al-Dhifa Exhibition Center, in Riyadh on April 26. Riyadh was selected for the exhibition both for being situated within easy reach of other important cities, and because it is the base for government and major purchasing agencies, the statement said.

As Saudi Arabia enters its Third Five Year Development Plan, education enjoys priority

second only to aviation and defense. A budget of \$30 billion has been allocated to the building, equipping and running of schools, universities, education centers and sports facilities, the statement said.

By the year 1985, Saudi Arabia aims to have a 74,000 university student population with 37,000 graduates. In addition, 25,000 Saudi Arabians will have passed through the Kingdom's educational training centers to form the nucleus of the future Saudi Arabian work force, according to the Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd. statement. In addition, Saudi Education '81 is supported by a conference with the theme "Vocational and Technical Training and Manpower Planning for further development of Saudi Arabia."

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Ullstrom explores Third World aid

Trilateral commission holds hope

By Nigel Harvey

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 — Sweden's foreign minister and Liberal party chairman Ola Ullstrom is anxious to explore the idea of international trilateral cooperation with his Saudi hosts during King Carl of Sweden's state visit this week.

mendous need in the developing world and underused surplus capital with the oil producing states — all of whom are dependent on each other.

He anticipates the economists' objections against naivety and technical insurmountability. "Technicians want to put problems on top of each other. But we should not be in their hands," he said.

"What is lacking is leadership of the world, a constructive will to cooperate," he said. He also complained of "a lack of awareness in particular among the types of countries I represent."

Ullstrom is pining his hopes on this June's North-South summit in Mexico, conceived as a follow up to last year's report from the Brandt commission which urged strong action to ease the yawning gap between the rich countries of the North and the poor of the South.

Sweden's social democratic party leader Olof Palme was a leading commission member, and joined chairman Willy Brandt of West Germany, and Edward Heath of Britain, on a visit to Saudi Arabia to explain the commission's views last year.

Though they then found the Saudis positive about their central idea of creating a new world development fund with third world majority membership and control, Palme now says he is "distressed" by the Arab world's quiet response to the commission's report.

Palme now looks for a push from the Mexico-organized June summit closely supported by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and Canadian premier Pierre Trudeau.

The Brandt commission's world development fund was intended to be the central spur to an urgent massive Marshall Plan type boom to third world development, with massive cash flows from the OECD and OPEC surplus countries like the Kingdom.



Prince Majed

Water plant closed

MECCA, Feb. 21 — Mecca Governor Prince Majed has ordered the suspension of SAFA water production plant for non-compliance with international specifications.

Tree week begins

QASIM, Feb. 21 (SPA) — The fourth tree-planting week for Qasim Region started Saturday with the aim of increasing the cultivated land and improving agriculture in the Kingdom.

The General Directorate of Agriculture and Water in Qasim gave a ceremony to highlight the occasion. Prince Abdul Illah, who attended the ceremony, hailed the Agriculture and Water Ministry's efforts to improve agriculture.

Saudi Arabia-Korean talks begin

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — The fifth meeting of the Saudi Arabian-Korean Joint Committee will be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jeddah beginning Sunday, a Korean Embassy statement said.

The committee was established according to an agreement on economic and technical cooperation signed in 1975, the statement added. The Korean delegation for the meeting will be headed by Kim Dong-Whie, vice minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Korea.

Don-Whie arrived in the Kingdom Saturday and was received by Sheikh Abdullah Alireza, Saudi Arabian deputy minister of foreign minister for economic and cultural affairs.

The proposed agenda for the meeting consists of discussions on economic and technical cooperation and trade promotion and cooperation in education, sports and cultural fields, the Korean Embassy reported.

BRIEFS

Agricultural minister to visit

RIYADH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — Prof. Toasto Takamaa Finnish minister of agriculture and forestry will arrive here Sunday on a four-day visit at the invitation of Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, agriculture and water minister.

Yemen police tour academy

RIYADH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — A delegation from North Yemen's Police Academy led by Lt. Col. Abdullah Al-Jassar, deputy commander of the academy, Saturday visited the Home Security Forces Academy and was briefed on its programs and activities.

Al-Hamad meetings continue

RIYADH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — The higher committee for the \$8 million Al-Hamad area project opened meetings here Saturday, it discussed the means of improving the conditions of the inhabitants of the 172,000 square

kilometer area which is part of the common borders between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Members of the committee are Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria and Iraq. The meetings are also attended by Dr. Muhammad Al-Hussain, director general of the Arab center for the study of arid land.

Officials change rules for driving license

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — Only those owning private cars will be permitted to apply for driving licenses, Abdullah Al-Utaibi, Jeddah's driving school director, said Saturday.

All driving schools in the Kingdom have been ordered not to accept any candidates unless they show proof that they own car, Otaibi reported. Exceptions will be made for those on whose passports are endorsed as professional drivers. Utaibi said that the reason for the new law was that a large number of foreigners apply for licenses as soon as they set foot in the Kingdom without owning cars.

COMMENT

By Salmaan Al-Badr

Throughout past years the industrialized states have employed various means to impede industrial progress in emerging nations. They have been gripped with a fear that the collapse of Western industries would mean the end of their leadership and also an end to the north-south cooperation.

The people of emerging nations have shattered their monopoly with a strong will and determination. As an emerging country, Saudi Arabia has been exerting ceaseless efforts to end this monopoly with the help of its enormous natural resources. The country's industrialists derived benefit from the experiences of several industrialized states after the second World War.

The development of specific industries may be an easy job, but it becomes difficult when it comes to the development and growth of such facilities as telecommunications, road networks, electricity and ports. In addition, there are some industries inter-dependent on others, as is the case in the industrial towns of Jubail and Yanbu. Oil production and refining plants would benefit a number of other industries producing raw materials for some auxiliary industries, becoming an encouraging factor in the promotion of industries in the country.

Besides, media services play an important role in educating the citizens on the state's efforts in minimizing the country's dependence on oil and transforming it into an industrialized country depending for its resources on sophisticated industries run by the natives themselves. In order to be able to produce everything locally, concerted efforts would have to be made jointly by the citizens, the state and the industry.

Vocation contracts total SR496m

RIYADH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — Three contracts totalling SR496 million were signed Saturday for the implementation of vocational training projects.

The contracts were signed by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari, the minister of labor and social affairs and board chairman of the General Organization for Technical and Vocational Training.

The first SR239,485,228 contract to be implemented within a 30 month period calls for the construction of an institute here for the training instructors and a housing complex for instructors and trainees.

The second SR132,416,369 contract to be carried out within 26 months provides for the establishment of a vocational training center in Abha and a housing scheme for instructors and trainees. The third SR124,768,581 contract calls for the setting up of a similar center and housing compound in Ahsa.

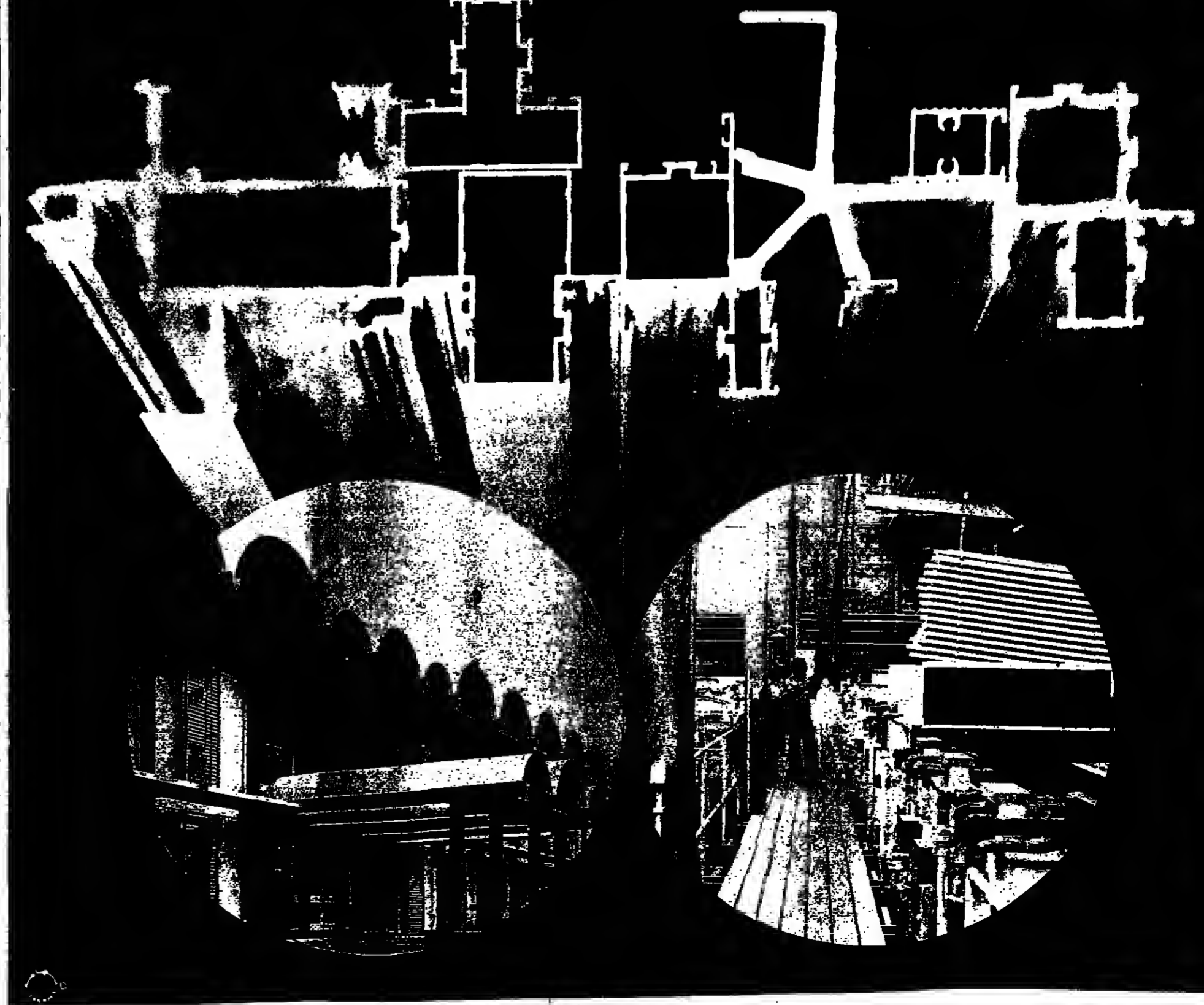
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Afghan president spurns French peace proposal

MOSCOW, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Afghan President Babrak Karmal said Friday he opposes a French proposal for an international conference to negotiate and end the fighting in Afghanistan. "In principle, we declared and we declare now that we defy any attempts to give an international coloring to the Afghan question," the Soviet-supported Afghan leader said at a news conference that lasted nearly three hours.

French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing proposed recently that the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council—the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China—join Afghanistan and its neighbors in a conference to find a political solution that would bring peace to the nation where an estimated 85,000 Soviet troops are fighting Muslim Afghan freedom fighters.

But Karmal, here for the 26th Soviet Communist Party Congress, beginning Monday, rejected the idea and repeated his gov-

ernment's proposal for separate negotiations between Afghanistan and Iran and between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Afghan government claims that the rebels, who have fought Karmal's regime and two earlier Marxist governments are trained and armed by foreign mercenaries and operate from bases in Pakistan and China. Karmal said seven such training camps exist in China and 65-70 in Pakistan.

On other points, Karmal said: — The number of Soviet troops in Afghanistan has been greatly exaggerated in the West. "We have repeatedly said that the Soviet military contingent is limited," he said without providing a figure. "It is much smaller than what is alleged by the propagandists of imperialism and reaction."

— Soviet-Afghan friendship is as "firm as granite," and the people of Afghanistan have to accept the presence of Soviet troops as the presence of friends and brothers.

Dutch minister begins M.E. tour

THE HAGUE, Feb. 21 (R) — West European efforts to help break a deadlock in Middle East peace negotiations moved into a new phase Saturday when Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph Van Der Kalsauw left for visits to Syria, Jordan and Iraq.

The three countries are the first stops on a mission he is undertaking, as president of the European Economic Community (EEC) council of ministers, to lay the groundwork for a peace initiative by the 10-nation body. However, as Kalsauw left for Damascus, EEC governing officials said obstacles must

be overcome before the community could make a meaningful contribution to the peace process. The officials said the Dutch minister's one-week visit to the region was to hear Arab and Israeli leaders' views and out to make concrete proposals.

EEC member states also were not agreed on what form an initiative should take.

Community Commission President Gaston Thorn, referring to proposals the EEC might put forward, said this week: "Everything is in movement. Nothing is fixed."

Turks, Greeks to discuss Aegean

ATHENS, Feb. 21 (R) — Greek and Turkish diplomats will meet in Acre next month for talks on the settlement of territorial disputes in the Aegean, an authoritative source said. The source said Friday that the secretaries-general of the Greek and Turkish foreign ministries, Stavros Roussos and Kamuran Gurun, would meet for a seventh round of talks March 13 and 14.

Greece and Turkey are involved in dis-

putes regarding the delineation of the Aegean and operational control in the area within the NATO context.

Greece, which rejoined NATO's military wing in October 1980 after leaving in 1974 in protest against the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, wants to retain its previous operation command in the Aegean but Turkey has demanded a bigger share of its military responsibilities in the area.

BRIEFS

NIAMEY, (R) — Niger has authorized the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to open an office in Niamey, PLO's Advisor on African Affairs El Herfi Salmans said in Niamey Friday.

BEIRUT, (AP) — Iranian Islamic revolutionary guards seized 400 kilograms of opium after a shootout that left one smuggler killed and two arrested. Tehran radio reported.

CAIRO, (R) — Israel's ambassador to Cairo, Eliahu Ben Elissar, has officially told Egypt on his decision to resign from his post and run in the Israeli general elections on June 30, the semi-official newspaper *Al Ahran* reported Saturday.

IZMIR, (R) — Two Americans, who are serving 24-year jail sentences for smuggling drugs into Turkey, have been married in an Izmir prison, official said Saturday.



Babrak Karmal

Sarkis invited for U.S. visit

BEIRUT, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon has been invited by U.S. President Ronald Reagan to visit the United States. Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Boutros confirmed that Sarkis had received the invitation through the American ambassador in Beirut, but said a date for the visit was not yet known, sources said.

Sarkis also received a formal invitation from the Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu to visit Romania.

Meanwhile, Romanian Foreign Minister Stefan Andrei left Beirut Saturday for home after a three-day visit to Lebanon during which he discussed developing bilateral ties and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

While in Beirut, Andrei met Sarkis and other leaders and discussed trade exchanges and the possibility of implementing development projects.

The Romanian minister also saw Palestinian commando chief Yasser Arafat for "a full review of world developments, especially the situation in the Middle East, including the Gulf," according to the Palestine News Agency Wafa.

The agency said Andrei reaffirmed his "full support for the Palestinian people's just demands, particularly the establishment of an independent state."

Romania, the only East European country maintaining diplomatic ties with Israel, has been playing an active role in efforts to resolve the Middle East conflict.

Kreisky to visit UAE

ABU DHABI, Feb. 21 (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky will pay an official visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) next month, the official Emirates News Agency said Saturday. During his March 2-4 visit, he will discuss the Middle East and international situation and the development of bilateral relations with UAE leaders, the agency said.

Ethiopia said set for assault on Eritreans' stronghold

KEREN, Ethiopia, Feb. 21 (AP) — Western diplomats say the Soviet Union will soon deliver more helicopter gunships for what Ethiopia's forces expect to be a "successful" assault on the last important stronghold of Eritrean freedom fighters. Ethiopian military officers, interviewed during a tour of several Eritrean towns, said privately they were confident of victory.

The Ethiopian push would take place against Nakfa, the mountain headquarters of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front. Government forces failed to take the town in two previous attempts.

Western sources believe the assault could come as soon as late February, before the rainy season normally begins in March. The rains are expected to be late and light this year.

Ethiopian officers said 30,000 government troops are stationed between Keren and Nakfa, about one-third of the forces deployed by Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, the Ethiopian strong man, in Eritrea and Tigre provinces. Ethiopian intelligence sources say the EPLF has only one brigade — under 2,000 men — in Nakfa.

Sixteen of the helicopters, the same type as the Soviet Union uses in Afghanistan, were delivered last year and flown against fighters in Tigre, south of Eritrea, the diplomats said. The helicopters are part of a five-year-old, \$1.8 billion Soviet military aid program to Ethiopia's Marxist government.

The fighters in Eritrea, along the Red Sea where tankers carry 70 per cent of Western Europe's oil, have been waging a 19-year war for freedom. Some 20,000 EPLF fighters are said to be cooped in the mountains north of Keren, along the Sudanese border. An estimated 10,000 Eritrean Liberation Front fighters, are reported scattered along the coast and in southern Eritrea.

Diplomats said a government attack would violate a tacit understanding between Mengistu and Sudanese leader Jaafar Numeiri. Mengistu reportedly promised during a visit to Khartoum last year to seek a negotiated settlement and Numeiri agreed to restrict the rebels supply routes from Sudan.

Ethiopian authorities claim that disillusioned fighters are returning from Sudan to government reception centers following an amnesty.

U.N. may meet on Chad

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — A demand of African leaders that Libyan troops be withdrawn from Chad and a proclaimed Libya-Chad merger be scrapped came out Friday as a document of the U.N. Security Council, laying the ground for a possible council meeting on Chad.

The demand was embodied in a communique that African heads of state put out after a summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in Lome, Togo, last Friday, regarding Chad.

The communique was issued as a Security Council document along with earlier related OAU pronouncements and a covering letter from Ambassador Abdul G. Koroma of Sierra Leone asking that all the papers be circulated as council document "as a matter of urgency."

The letter, addressed to French Ambassador Jacques Leprette as council president for February, said its subject was "to bring to your high attention the situation in Chad." But he did not make a formal request for a council meeting. The council does not meet without such a request.

Meanwhile, Security Council members held private consultations late Friday on the situation in Chad. But no public debate was scheduled and Chad's U.N. mission sent the council a letter saying its government is strongly opposed to any such meeting.

The Foreign Minister of Sierra Leone Abdullai Conteh whose country currently holds the OAU chairmanship, was in New York this week for private talks on a possible council meeting but did not request one.

Ali Nasser holds talks with Qaddafi

BEIRUT, Feb. 21 (R) — South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad had a five-hour meeting in Tripoli Friday night with Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi, the Libyan News Agency Jana reported Saturday. Ali, who arrived in Tripoli from Algiers, was due to leave for Damascus Saturday.

Official Syrian sources said discussions

with Syrian President Hafez Assad would deal with the Arab-Israeli conflict and "ways of strengthening Arab steadfastness." South Yemen, Algeria, Syria, Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) form the "Steadfastness and Confrontation Front" dedicated to opposing Egypt's peace moves toward Israel.

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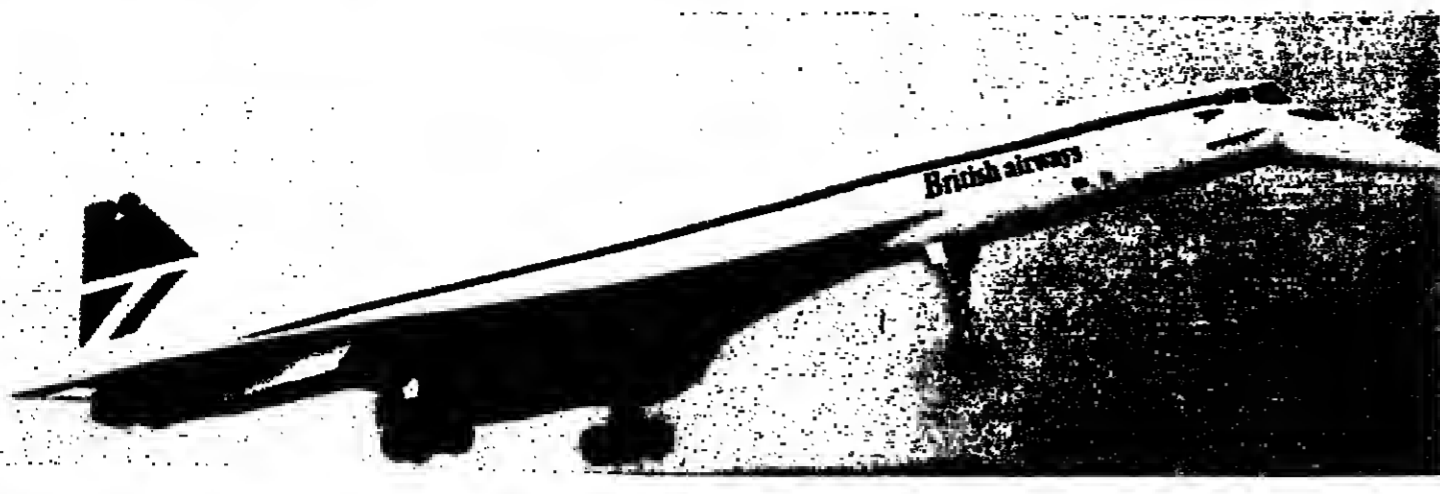
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Concorde: a technical triumph, but economic disaster

By Don Cook

PARIS, (LAT) — On Jan. 21 1976, two Concorde aircraft lifted off simultaneously from Charles de Gaulle Airport outside Paris and Heathrow near London to launch Air France and British Airways into the age of supersonic air travel.

As the Concorde enters the second half of its first decade of service, the verdict on the plane that cost the French and British Governments an estimated \$4 billion to develop and build is more than ever what it was when it first took off: a technical triumph, an economic disaster. Moreover, with oil prices going up and up, the cost of keeping the Concorde flying gets worse, not better, month by month.

The first French plane headed south to the African port city of Dakar, where it refueled and then continued across the South Atlantic to Rio De Janeiro. The British Concorde streaked across Europe and then over the Mediterranean and the Middle East to Bahrain on the Arabian Gulf.

After that, it took two years of diplomatic, political and legal arguments and hearings and court actions in the United States before the two airlines were finally granted permission to open up Transatlantic service from Paris and London into New York city, on Nov. 22, 1977.

But both Air France and British Airways can point to solid bookings on the New York run, and a devoted traveling public including great numbers of "repeaters" who are whisked back and forth across the Atlantic in three and a half hours. The trouble is that even at \$1,550 per passenger for a one-way trip between New York and London, the Concorde still can't pay its way.

Accordingly, British Airways has suspended its Concorde service to Bahrain and

Singapore, and is now concentrating solely on London-New York and London-Washington. Air France has trimmed its Paris-Washington service and instead is now continuing two of its daily flights to New York and on to Washington and Mexico City each week. Air France continues to operate across the South Atlantic to Rio De Janeiro twice weekly and to Caracas, Venezuela, once a week.

Since Concorde operations began five years ago, the two airlines have flown approximately 700,000 supersonic passengers. Air France reports, not surprisingly, that 71 per cent of its Concorde passengers travel on business, and 46 per cent are employed by major international companies — oil companies, banks, big manufacturing concerns. Eighty per cent of Air France's Concorde passengers are men.

Yves Saint-Laurent, the fashion entrepreneur, is a Concorde regular between Paris and New York. An American banker whom Air France declines to name has sometimes flown the Concorde across the Atlantic two or three times in one week and has used it at least 60 times.

The joint Anglo-French agreement to build the Concorde was concluded in 1962 between President Charles de Gaulle and Prime Minister Harold MacMillan, before de Gaulle lowered the boom on Britain's joining the European Common Market. In all, 20 have been built—three of them were pre-production test models that were retired before the airliner began commercial service. Air France and British Airways have seven Concorde each. The other two have not gone into service.

The financial arrangements surrounding the acquisition of the Concorde by the two national airlines are obscure. But Air France and British Airways made the original pur-

chase of four aircraft each on favorable low-interest long-term government credits, at a price then reported to be around \$60 million each. After that, the only way the airlines could afford to take on any more Concorde was on a nominal lease basis from the governments, which footed the entire production cost — now at least \$100 million per plane.

Both airlines have an arrangement to split with the governments any profits they can make flying the Concorde without any purchase or amortization costs. British Airways and presumably Air France have, on this basis, been able to show a profit on the run into New York, which is why both airlines have trimmed operations to concentrate on this service.

The British earned a surplus of about \$8 million on the New York run last year but lost more than \$5 million on the Bahrain-Singapore service, which has been abandoned. They are now planning to increase their London-New York service from 10 flights a week to a day, beginning in the spring, and are also planning to offer a "Concorde standby" fare that will be the equivalent of normal first class on subsonic jets, about \$300 cheaper than the supersonic fare.

But with this kind of profit, it would take British Airways 175 years to pay off the actual cost of its Concorde. It is fuel costs, of course, that threaten the Concorde in the next five years. Again, opening costs at an airline secret, but it is probable that the Concorde consumes the same amount, if not more, fuel speeding 100 passengers from Europe to New York as a Boeing 707 uses to haul nearly 500 passengers.

Still, Air France says determinedly: "Over these five years, Concorde has successfully won and extended a loyal clientele made up for the most part of businessmen concerned with saving time and cutting down on fatigue, and with efficiency." Bravely, Concorde flies on.

Rich countries pass secret laws

Scramble for deep-sea minerals

By Geoffrey Lean

LONDON, (ONS) — Rich countries are passing secretly co-ordinated legislation to allow mining companies to stake out areas of the seabed before they come under international control. Their actions are endangering the vital negotiations on the Law of the Sea, which had been on the verge of agreement after eight years of bargaining. They are already being described as a landgrab comparable to the carving-up of Africa in the last century.

The United States and Germany have already passed laws to license exploration for deep-sea minerals and a similar British bill started its committee stage in the House of Lords last week. All three countries plan to start issuing licenses later this year.

France, Belgium and Italy are also preparing legislation. And, Western countries are holding confidential meetings to coordinate and harmonize their laws.

What is at stake, is perhaps the most curious and more important mineral resources on earth — billions of tons of potato shaped mineral nodules containing manganese, nickel cobalt, copper, molybdenum, aluminium and iron that cobble the deep ocean floor.

Several of these minerals are scarce on land and the nodules are forming all the time from seawater. The richest area appears to be a one-million-square-mile block of the North Pacific between Hawaii and California.

The United Nations unanimously agreed 11 years ago that the resources of the sea-bed were the common heritage of mankind and, since 1972, rich and poor, coastal and landlocked countries have been locked in complicated negotiations to work out how to give all nations a share. Last summer they finally came close to reaching agreement, and negotiators on all sides were optimistic that the whole thing would be settled at the next negotiating session, due to begin next month.

The draft treaty suggests that mining companies should apply for licenses for two similar areas at once. The U.N. authority set up to administer the law of the sea would select one of them for mining on behalf of the international community, and let the company exploit the other. But the company would have to pay a levy on its revenues, to be shared internationally. Negotiators from all sides seemed to accept these proposals as a fair compromise last summer, but the companies have been lobbying their governments to resist them. Six consortia have been formed to exploit the seabed.

U.S. companies, which recently held a meeting to coordinate their strategy, have decided to try to get the U.S. representative at the talks either replaced by a more conservative figure, or made to operate under extremely conservative instructions.



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Some officials in the Reagan Administration, meanwhile, are trying to get the U.S. to press for changes even if it means killing the treaty. If the treaty is absorbed, they believe, The critics believe that the rich countries are trying to pre-empt the treaty. Lord Ritchie-Calder has described it in the Lords as 'smash and grab' and a 'carve-up'. Meanwhile, the rich countries have just ended their second confidential meeting, in Bonn. One member of the U.S. delegation, James Barnes, a public interest representative, was excluded; he says he was told his attendance would be 'inappropriate'.

The British Government will not give details of what was discussed, but the meeting is thought to have dealt with harmonizing the laws to stop loopholes and avoid disputes. Third World countries were angry when the United States and West Germany passed their laws last year, but did not break off the negotiations. Some observers fear that the rush of legislation, the coordination, and the issuing of licenses later this year could ruin any chances of agreement.

the U.S. can go ahead and mine the sea without encumbrance.

But the national legislation may pose the greatest threat. It does not provide for sites to be set aside for international mining, and the levy suggested for international sharing is less than that proposed in the Law of the Sea draft treaty.

The British Government says that its law is only an interim measure to allow companies to continue with their programs pending agreement on the Law of the Sea. But if that is so, ask critics, why does it not conform to the draft treaty, and why is it being rushed through just before international agreement was expected.

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Soviet economy in trouble

By Jim Klurfeld

WASHINGTON — When he opens the 26th Party Congress this week, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev could deliver almost the same speech that President Ronald Reagan delivered to the American people two weeks ago: The country is in an economic mess, facing economic calamity, and the old business-as-usual treatment won't work.

Experts on the Soviet economy say that it has stagnated in the last two years and that in almost every significant sector — from agriculture to heavy industry to consumer goods to investment and productivity — the picture is bleak and getting worse. Indeed, for the first time, experts are speculating whether the economic problems will eventually lead to civil unrest. These economic problems are also a major factor in determining whether the Soviet Union will send its troops into Poland, according to the experts. But there is disagreement on how the economic factor works.

Many Soviet experts argue that Kremlin leaders be very reluctant to assume Poland's immense economic burdens and cut itself off from Western trade, likely consequences of military intervention, at a time when the Soviet economy is under such great stress. The Soviets would be forced to feed 35 million Poles, sustain their economy and service their \$22 billion debt in the West.

"It must be clear to them that the direct and indirect costs of invasion would be truly awesome, incomparably greater than those paid for the invasion of Hungary in 1956 and the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968," said Seweryn Bialer, director of Columbia University's Research Institute on International Change. "The Soviet economy could ill afford the strain, given the extent of Soviet domestic difficulties."

But other experts say that because there are similarities between the economic problems in Poland and the Soviet Union, the Soviets must demonstrate that the Polish-style worker rebellion will not be tolerated lest it spread across their border. Most of the experts say that the ultimate Soviet decision will be based on events in Poland, specifically on whether the Polish Communist Party can stay in control of events there.

There is an dispute that the Soviet economy is in trouble. There is going to be a crunch in the coming years. When the 26th Party Congress convenes Feb. 23, talk will not be about great new production goals and the wonders of socialism, but how to adapt to a no-growth economy, according to Soviet economy experts.

"Brezhnev faces very serious economic problems, really worse than Reagan," said Marshall Goldman, an associate director of Harvard's Russian Research Institute. "If you look at the recent statistics you will get some idea of the magnitude of the problem. For instance, in the last two years both coal and steel production have declined. That is really something for the nation that has boasted of being the world's largest producer of steel." Both Goldman and Bialer agree too that the only way the Soviets can begin to meet the problems is through a basic reform of their economic system. That would mean much greater decentralization in economic organization and less party control. But most of the experts say that it is highly unlikely that the Soviet leaders, especially the present generation of leaders, are willing to take the political risks involved in reform. Certainly the example of reform in Poland is frightening to them.

What is unusual about the current debate among Western experts is discussion about the possibility of unrest in the Soviet Union. Through the years experts have said that spontaneous demonstrations of unhappiness were highly unlikely in Russia. The Russian traditions of authoritarian rule and stolid endurance were too strong, they said. While living standards in the Soviet Union are considerably below even those in Eastern Europe, there have been improvements since the end of World War II.

The problem now is that those improvements have stopped. A combination of disastrous harvests, poor agriculture production, energy shortages, extremely low worker productivity and heavy military investment have kept growth in the last five years to a 2.7 per cent rate, far below the 5 per cent target of the present five-year plan. And the outlook in the next five years is worse, not better.

One of the most discouraging statistics for the Soviets, according to the experts, is the fact that worker productivity increased by only 1 per cent in the last five years, way below the goal of 4.5 per cent. That is partly due to a chronic manpower shortage in the Soviet Union. It is also the result of a lack of worker initiative. One aspect of this is what the experts say is a significant problem of alcoholism among Soviet workers. A recent report estimated that as many as a third of Soviet factory workers have a serious alcohol problem.

In the last two years there has been a significant decline in food production and availability of consumer goods. The poor grain harvest, as well as the cutoff of American grain (which, the experts said, has resulted in about a 4 per cent cutback in meat production) have resulted in less meat and potatoes being available to Soviet shoppers.



Who is running America's foreign policy?

By Robert Little

We can all be forgiven for being a tiny bit confused at the moment if we ask who is in charge and what is the direction, if any, of the new U.S. administration's proposed foreign policy? Since Ronald Reagan's induction into the presidency a month ago we have been regaled with as many contradictory statements as there have been spokesmen — including the president himself — all claiming to be giving us the authorized version. All of which would seem to imply confusion, the worst fears of most Western European leaders, that we are in for a long, hard four-year term.

I will resist with great restraint any comment on the hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the appointment (which was confirmed by the Republican majority) of William Clark, as deputy secretary of state to Gen. Alexander Haig, who seems to have displayed a total ignorance of the world beyond the confines of the United States' territorial limits. Perhaps it's enough to say that, with the qualified exception of Haig himself, Clark will feel very much at home on Capitol Hill.

Last week it was the turn of Caspar Weinberger, giving his first news conference as secretary of defense, to put in his pennyworth to confound the confusion. Weinberger (whom you may not be surprised to hear is Jewish), also claiming to be speaking for the president, virtually contradicted word-for-word the statement at a press conference a week earlier by the Department of State spokesman, William Dyess, who had said he was "authorized by

Gen. Haig to say that while we were aware of the plans for these (West bank) settlements ... we do not consider carrying out of those plans to be helpful to anyone."

In his turn Weinberger told assembled journalists at his first press conference that President Reagan "does not share the view of former President Carter that the West Bank settlements are illegal." President Reagan had told three senior correspondents of the White House press corps, Weinberger said, that these settlements were not illegal "under the U.N. Resolution that leaves the West Bank open to all people — Arab, Israeli and Christian alike." And presumably Hottentots from Matabelland.

Which in President Reagan's first few weeks in office must be the biggest glander he has dropped so far. Because, as no doubt will have already been diplomatically pointed out to Reagan and his equally ill-informed secretary of defense, nothing could be further from the truth. The last U.N. Resolutions on Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territories say exactly the opposite.

First, U.N. Security Council Resolution 465, passed on March 1, 1968, after deploing the refusal of Israel to cooperate with the U.N. commission, went on to say among other things:

— Deploing the decision of the government of Israel to officially support Israeli settlement in Palestine and other Arab territories occupied since 1967.

— Deeply concerned over the practices of the Israeli authorities in implementing that settlement policy in the occupied territories, including Jerusalem, and its consequences for the local Arab and Palestinian population.

— Drawing attention to the grave consequences which the settlement policy is bound to have on any attempt to reach a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

— Determines that all measures taken by Israel to change the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure or status of the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, or any part thereof, have no legal validity and that Israel's policy and practices of settling part of its population and new immigrants in those territories constitute a flagrant violation of the fourth Geneva Convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war and also constitute a serious obstruction to achieving a ... lasting peace in the Middle East.

— Strongly deplores the continuation and persistence of Israel in pursuing those policies and practices and calls upon the government and people of Israel to rescind those measures, to dismantle the existing settlements and in particular to cease, on an urgent basis, the establishment, construction and planning of settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem.

— Calls upon all states not to provide Israel with any assistance to be used specifically in connection with settlements in the occupied territories.

Resolution 465 was carried unanimously. But if that were not enough to make the U.N.'s legal position categorically clear, on July 29, 1980, U.N. Resolution ES-7/2 was passed by a meeting of the full General Assembly, which included:

— Reaffirms, in particular, that a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East can-

not be established in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant United Nations resolutions, without the withdrawal of Israel from all the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and without the achievement of a just solution of the problem of Palestine on the basis of the attainment of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people in Palestine.

— Reaffirms the fundamental principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force.

— Calls upon Israel to withdraw completely and unconditionally from all the Palestinian and other Arab lands occupied since June, 1967, including Jerusalem, with all property and services intact, and urges that such withdrawal from all the occupied territories should start before Nov. 15, 1980.

— Demands that Israel should fully comply with provisions of Resolution 465 (1980) adopted unanimously by the Security Council on March 1, 1980.

Now most of us might be possibly excused for not being fully informed on such vitally important decisions by the world's supreme legislative body. But then the rest of us are not, and I'm sure have no desire to be, the most important and powerful political figure in the Western world. Which must give us all serious food for thought. Because, almost unbelievably, it was reported at the same time that Reagan had also expressed the wish to have U.S. ground forces stationed in the Middle East and his Defense Secretary, Weinberger, raised the possibility that some of them might be based in Israel or Egypt.

It was in answer to a question about America's military capacity to deter any Soviet moves in the Arabian Gulf that he is reported to have said: "What I have called for, and what I think is needed, as we reassert our capability, is a presence in the Middle East. I think this is something we ought to take up with our allies in Europe, because there would be a total disaster to the European economy if there was an interference with the energy supply."

Later Weinberger, rounding out the president's idea, told his news briefing that U.S. would give "sympathetic consideration" to any request from the Israelis or the Egyptians that American forces be stationed on their soil.

Incompetents is not the word I'm sure. What on earth they think the reaction of other Middle East states would be to have Israeli and Egyptian arms reinforced with American troops to, allegedly, "defend" Gulf oil is beyond comprehension. As for America's "allies in Europe", they are still recovering from Reagan's absurd idea about dismantling the neutron bomb program as NATO's first line of defense.

On present performance it cannot be any great comfort to know that Weinberger did stress that the question of deploying neutron weapons could only be determined after full consultation with the allies and France. "The Carter administration handling of the problem in 1978 had caused great consternation in Europe," he added.

Which some of us might think is a bit of a cheek. Judging on the basis of this administration's handling of the "situation" so far they are just about as likely to trigger off a third world war.

GREECE AND TURKEY

The NATO Alliance is preoccupied with the internal problems of its members, albeit still below the level of differences Greece, which joined the military committee as a full member last autumn after an absence of six years, has recently raised the subject of financial assistance it receives from the richer NATO nations, in appreciation of its military and strategic significance in the organization.

To cite instances on the type of existing problems, Greece wonders how West Germany can allocate for it an annual aid of DM 60 million while it gives DM 600 million in yearly aid to Turkey. Again, Greece is asking the United States to extend more financial and military aid in exchange for facilities being given to the latter at three military airports in Greece, and mainly on the island of Crete.

Greece's actual demand is that the richer NATO countries maintain a balance in payments between it and Turkey, with Greece's share always remaining 75 per cent that of Turkey's. The allies are, however, conscious of the historical twitches continuously existing between Greece and Turkey which are called the southeastern wing of the Alliance. But despite their attempt to understand the prevailing circumstances between the two countries, they talk statistically that Turkey's population is five times more than Greece's and also that the Turkish armed forces exceed three times the number of the Greek armed forces.

Moreover, the geographical strategy of Turkey, facing the Soviet Union, obscures the geographical situation of Greece. Therefore, with a view to finding a solution to these problems, the Alliance would evidently pay more serious attention to the problems of the Aegean Sea and Cyprus, if it intends to satisfy all the parties concerned.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

The official visit of King Karl Gustav and Queen Sylvia of Sweden formed the headline story in a majority of newspapers Saturday. They said that a season of political activity begins in Riyadh with the arrival of the Swedish monarch and his talks with King Khalid on bilateral relations and international issues of mutual concern.

Newspapers frontpaged Swedish monarch's statement upon arrival in Jeddah Friday that Saudi Arabia's straight-forward policy has given it international weight. *Al Medina* played as a front-page story Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosabi's statement that a total of SR26 billion has been invested in the industrial sector. In a front-page story, *Al Bilad* reported Iran's readiness to receive the six-party mediation committee, which was formed by the third Islamic summit conference to make efforts to end the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq. In a page one story, *Okaz* reported British Deputy Foreign Secretary Ian Gilmour as saying the European Common Market is trying to make further progress in its initiative on the issue of Palestine.

Al Yom carried as a prominent page one story a statement by U.S. Ambassador John West, in which he reaffirmed that there was no difference between the Saudi Arabian and U.S. views on the preservation of Gulf security. On the other hand, a reported difference between the U.S. administration and some Congressmen on boosting the offensive capability of F-15 fighter planes figured prominently in *Al-Jazirah* newspaper.

Newspaper editorials mostly commented on the Swedish king's current visit to Saudi Arabia. Some others discussed industrial progress in the Kingdom, the European initiative on the Middle East issue and the importance of the Gulf Cooperation Council. *Al Medina* said in an editorial that the Swedish king and his entourage would notice Saudi Arabia's keen desire to promote cooperation in the best interest of the two countries. The paper added that Saudi Arabia has appreciated Swedish government's stand on the Middle East crisis and would look forward to Sweden playing a positive and tangible role in the restoration of usurped rights in Palestine.

Al Bilad observed that Saudi-Swedish talks would reflect the industrialized nations' keen desire to bold fruitful and positive meetings with Saudi Arabian leadership. The Euro-Arab dialogue is, in fact, the fruit of the efforts of Saudi Arabia and other Arab states in creating constructive formulas for political, economic and technical cooperation with major industrial powers, the paper said. It added that Sweden's conscious understanding of political and economic issues of the Arab world creates a kind of direct link and, at the same time, shows Saudi Arabia's positive role in support of Arab causes at the international level.

On the same subject, *Al Jazirah* noted that the visit of the Swedish monarch would contribute in the promotion of friendship and cooperation and widen the horizon of economic, trade, scientific and technical exchange between the two countries. It

added that the visit provides a favorable opportunity to exchange views on the developments in the crucial issues of the Arab world. The paper hoped the visit would end in a clearer understanding of the prevailing situation in the Middle East, and that the Swedish leadership would play a tangible role in helping the issue at the European level.

In an editorial, *Al Riyadh* observed that while Sweden plays a constructive role in Europe, Saudi Arabia, as an Arab and Islamic country, plays a prominent role in the sphere of politics and world economy. The Kingdom's role has earned for it an international weight making it a focal point in the comity of nations. The paper further held the view that, when Europe understands the importance of Saudi Arabia's role, it would indeed make a long stride toward a political independence for which it is striving at present.

On the other hand, *Al Medina* commented on the Industry Week being organized in the Kingdom. It said the week is being held to acquaint the natives with their potentialities and the progress the state has so far achieved in the area of industry. The paper added that the week would provide an opportunity to know both the aspects of progress and weakness in this important field. It paid compliments to Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosabi and his ministry for providing facilities for native capitalists interested in industrial activities. Sometime ago, any talk about industrialization used to be considered an empty dream difficult to come, but industrialization has become tangible reality today, said the paper.

Clowns in Dhahran

Rollicking fun for children

By Jean Grant

DHAHRAN — With a shout of "Here we are again!" clowns Boppo and Goppo race through the lobby of a local hotel, burst into the dining room with whistles and honkers blaring, and round up the children for 2 hours of fast-paced pantomime and games.

Just before their dramatic entry, the clowns had talked to Arab News while putting on holiday cake. They are all set with a huge recipe book and mammoth bowls, but the spoon to mix the batter is missing. Boppo sends Goppo off to fetch it. A moment later Goppo returns with the tiniest of teaspoons. Boppo sends Goppo to get a larger one, and the bumbler does, but it's still far too small. Angriily Boppo sends him off again, and Goppo returns with a spoon, 8-9 feet high. Innocently asking, "Is this spoon bigger?" he

children yell, "No, that's not what you say!" They teach him the formula, but of course the clown still gets it wrong as he calls, "On your ready, get sets, go!" The clowns try to smash down a door, not realizing all they need to do is turn the door knob; it gives a youngster a real feeling of power to be able to turn the door knob for him.

The clowns' gestures are so exaggerated that their meaning is universally intelligible. Arab, French, and Japanese children grasp the action despite their limited English. The clowns regret that they speak no Arabic but it didn't seem to upset the non-English-speaking small fry at all. It is the clowns' ability to get in and out of trouble that the children enjoy. The clowns appear literal-minded, but their dialogue sparkles with double meanings.

In a camel race, Goppo, sweat glistening on his huge red mouth, urges, "You have to shout for your camel." At the end of a sack race, he orders, "Now everyone stand on your chairs and shout, 'We won!'" When the kids don't scream loud enough for him, he tells them, "I'm sure you can shout still louder." With fingers squeezed in their ears, the children screech with triumph. Children's attitudes to the clowns change with age. Never having seen a clown before, toddlers often cry. The strange grimaces on the harlequins' rubbery faces frighten them. Sometimes Dhahran children doubt that Boppo and Goppo are "real" clowns real for them meaning what they see on TV.

"You've got human hands, you do. You're not a clown," gasped one little lassie as she held Boppo's hand. "We're so much nearer to the kids than a normal clown," Goppo explained. "Sometimes our makeup comes off on them and they can see we are men. But when they say, 'You're not a real clown — it's painted on,' it's always a little bit annoying. I want to say, 'Silly little kid, all clowns wear make-up!'"

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A clown in action

tom or pull off his wig. "It can hurt a lot," said Boppo, "and when the child is that age, we have no compunction about destroying his illusions." But a few youngsters are very protective toward the clowns. When one little girl noticed that Boppo wasn't eating but only feeding all the children, she asked, "How will you ever grow big and strong if you don't eat properly?"

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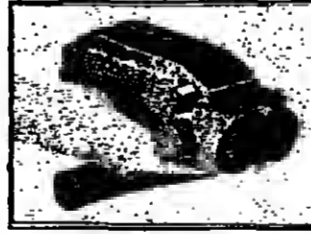
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To mark inauguration

Chun offers amnesty

SEOUL, Feb. 21 (AP) — President Chun Doo-hwan was reported Saturday to have promised a large-scale amnesty timed to his March 3 inauguration for a new, seven-year term.

First reports that such a step would be taken came last week, and were said to have been confirmed by Chun at a meeting he held Friday with two former presidents and five political party heads. Seoul newspapers, freed of formal censorship when martial law was lifted last month but still under close government guidance, published partial texts Saturday of exchanges at the meeting and gave banner headlines to the expected amnesty.

Former President Yun Po-sun was reported to have told Chun he hopes the government will release those arrested while taking part in "the so-called human rights campaign" during the regime of the now defunct Democratic Republican Party. In response, Chun was quoted as saying the government

plans "to grant a large-scale amnesty on the occasion of the inauguration of the government of the fifth republic. However, the left-wing elements will be excluded."

These accounts also quoted the president as saying: "I do not think it will create serious problems if I should lift the ban on political outcasts. But if I should remove the ban at this moment there is a danger that it may disrupt the atmosphere of party politics which has just recovered stability," he added, "Leave the matter to me. I am prepared to be criticized in connection with it."

Chun, who was named interim president last August, came to power following the assassination of President Park Chung-hee in October, 1979. After anti-government demonstrations last spring, the military regime took stern steps against dissent.

Under a so-called purification campaign, there were widespread arrests and political purges. Those arrested included hundreds in connection with a rebellion in May in the southern city of Kwangju, and the recent reports have said some of them may be included in an inaugural amnesty.

Chun's reference to not lifting a ban on "political outcasts" at this time appeared, however, to rule out action on leaders of former political opposition or dissident movements. More than 500 persons still are on a government purge list that bars them from political activity.

A death sentence against South Korea's most prominent dissident, Kim Dae-jung, was commuted Jan. 23, shortly before Chun made an official visit to the United States for talks with President Ronald Reagan. Kim's sentence was reduced to life imprisonment and he now is being held at Chungju, 100 kms south of Seoul. Some quarters abroad, which had raised strong protests to the death sentence, called later for Kim to be freed from his prison term, but there was no indication he would be included in the projected amnesty.



President Chun Doo-hwan of South Korea.

200 hurt in Indian street battles

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21 (AP) — Authorities clamped an indefinite curfew on Nadiad town in India's Gujarat state Friday following continuing street battles between students and police, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

Police-student clashes were also reported in seven other Gujarat cities, including Ahmedabad, Baroda, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar and Mehsana, the agency said. Some 200 persons were reported injured by teargas, canes and rocks in these clashes.

Activity ground to a halt in day-long general strikes called by student leaders — protesting the reservation of seats in medical colleges for the underprivileged — in Bhavnagar, Mahuva and Italaja, the report said.

Several were wounded when police and paramilitary units fired on demonstrators in Broach and Nadiad who attacked policemen with firebombs and bricks and set fire to government offices, UNI reported. In Nadiad, 500 kms north of Bombay, an agitator was killed in police firing Thursday. Authorities, meanwhile, ordered the closure of schools and colleges for a week in Bhavnagar, the agency added.

Fourteen persons, including a policeman, have died since students in the western state began a violent demonstration three weeks ago to demand the abolition of reserved seats in medical colleges for members of lower Hindu castes tribal communities.

Soviet warships drop anchor at Mozambique

LISBON, Feb. 21 (AP) — Soviet warships have dropped anchor at Mozambique's two major ports as a warning to South Africa three weeks after Pretoria-based commandos staged a raid deep inside the former Portuguese colony, the Portuguese news agency Anop reported here Thursday.

Agency reports quoted a Soviet source in Maputo, the capital, as saying the ships' arrival was directly related to the raid on homes of exiled members of the African National Congress (ANC) Jan. 30, in which at least 13 persons died. The early morning attack stormed three ANC homes in Matola, a Maputo suburb 60 kms from the border with South Africa.

The source specified the presence of the warships at Maputo and Beira was intended to demonstrate Soviet support of Mozambique in the event of further South African incursions. Justification for the maneuver was based on a friendship and cooperation treaty signed by Maputo and Moscow March 31, 1977.

The visit was the second by Soviet military vessels, following a stopover by a nuclear submarine last August. The ANC is a Black South African nationalist party outlawed by the white-minority government in Pretoria.

Slaying wave reported in East Java villages

JAKARTA, Feb. 21 (AFP) — At least 56 persons have been massacred in East Java villages in a bloodbath arising from fears of witchcraft, reports of theft and possible political intrigues. The series of slayings began more than a month ago in remote villages of the Jember district. The killings were revealed here Friday by three parliament members who recently returned from a visit to their constituencies in the area.

The MP's, Jusuf Hasyim, Hizbul Ah and Huda Suwardi told newsmen that gangs, containing up to 100 members, roam the area at night, attacking people suspected of crimes or sorcery with knives, clubs and machetes. According to the politicians, killings have taken place in nine Jember sub-districts. The victims, they added, were sometimes killed in the street, in fields or in their houses. The bodies are quickly buried, they said, or thrown into rivers.

The killings reportedly began Jan. 10 in the Bansalsari district, west of Jember city, where altogether 232 persons were slain. The MP's, who belong to the United Development Party (UNP), said that they did not understand how so many killings could have occurred without official action. They said that it was possible that official silence and inaction were due to political motives behind the killings. They pointed out the general elections were scheduled for next year.



FACING TRIAL: Eight Mozambican military officers are facing trial for allowing a South African commando raid on homes of exiled members of the African National Congress at Matola last month. They were displayed at a mass rally in Maputo recently.

Japan, U.S. differ on issue of defense

TOKYO, Feb. 21 (R) — With the Reagan administration in the United States just over a month old, Japan already is sending signals across the Pacific that it will not be pressed over the politically-charged issue of defense. Although there are similarities in political philosophy between Washington and Tokyo, there is no unanimity on what Japan should do to help combat Soviet military expansion.

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki is expected to re-emphasize to President Reagan when he visits Washington in May that Japan has no intention of playing a military role in the world. Suzuki, who emerged from relative obscurity last June to head the ruling Liberal Democratic (Conservative)

Party, told parliament this month that his government would use its economic muscle to help developing nations and thus lessen their political and social instability.

At the same time, he said Japan as a member of the Western bloc would increase its defense capability within the framework of its constitution, which bans the use of force to settle external conflicts.

In a sharp reversal from the policies of the Carter administration during the past year, the Reagan government has indicated that it does not want to put public pressure on Japan over defense. But the U.S. ambassador to Japan, Mike Mansfield, a former Senate majority leader who also served here in the

Carter era, said this did not mean that Washington had lost resolve to see a stronger Japanese defense commitment.

Mansfield said the Reagan administration wanted frank and private talks with the Japanese government on "specific defense roles" Japan could play for the bilateral security treaty. U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig set the scene for this overtly gentle approach at his confirmation hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last month.

But informed sources here said that as the Reagan administration gradually formulates its global strategy, disagreements over defense are already emerging between Tokyo and Washington. Haig told the Senate committee that he wanted better coordination between Western and Western-aligned nations to check Soviet military power.

The Japanese government maintains that despite Soviet military expansion in the Pacific there is no "imminent threat" to Japan although the Soviet militarization of three Japanese-claimed northern Pacific Kurile islands poses a "potential threat." While reiterating to parliament on various occasions that there is no immediate threat, Suzuki said he recognized an increasing number of destabilizing factors, such as the Soviet build-up, the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan and its advance into the Third World and growing tension generally between East and West.

Sextuplets born in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURGH, Feb. 21 (AP) — Another set of sextuplets — all of them healthy — have been born in South Africa. But unlike the blaze of publicity following the birth of the Rosenkowitz sextuplets in Cape Town on Jan. 11, 1974, this latest birth was shrouded in secrecy, the English-language *Rand Daily Mail* and the Afrikaans-language *Beeld* newspapers reported in separate front-page stories Friday.

The sextuplets were born to an unmarried white 17-year-old woman more than four months ago, the reports said. She was

identified as Chairman Peterson. The father was identified as Frank Craig, 41, of Windhoek, Namibia. Peterson, who has since married Craig, the newspapers said, didn't take fertility drugs.

She gave birth to four boys and a girl on Oct. 15, 1980, at an undisclosed hospital in South Africa, the *Mail* said. The sixth of the set, a girl, was born 23 days later (Nov. 7). The birth of the sixth child was delayed because she had gynecological problems, the *Mail* story said. The babies — named Frank, Salome, John, Andrew, William and Deborah — are all "healthy," it said.

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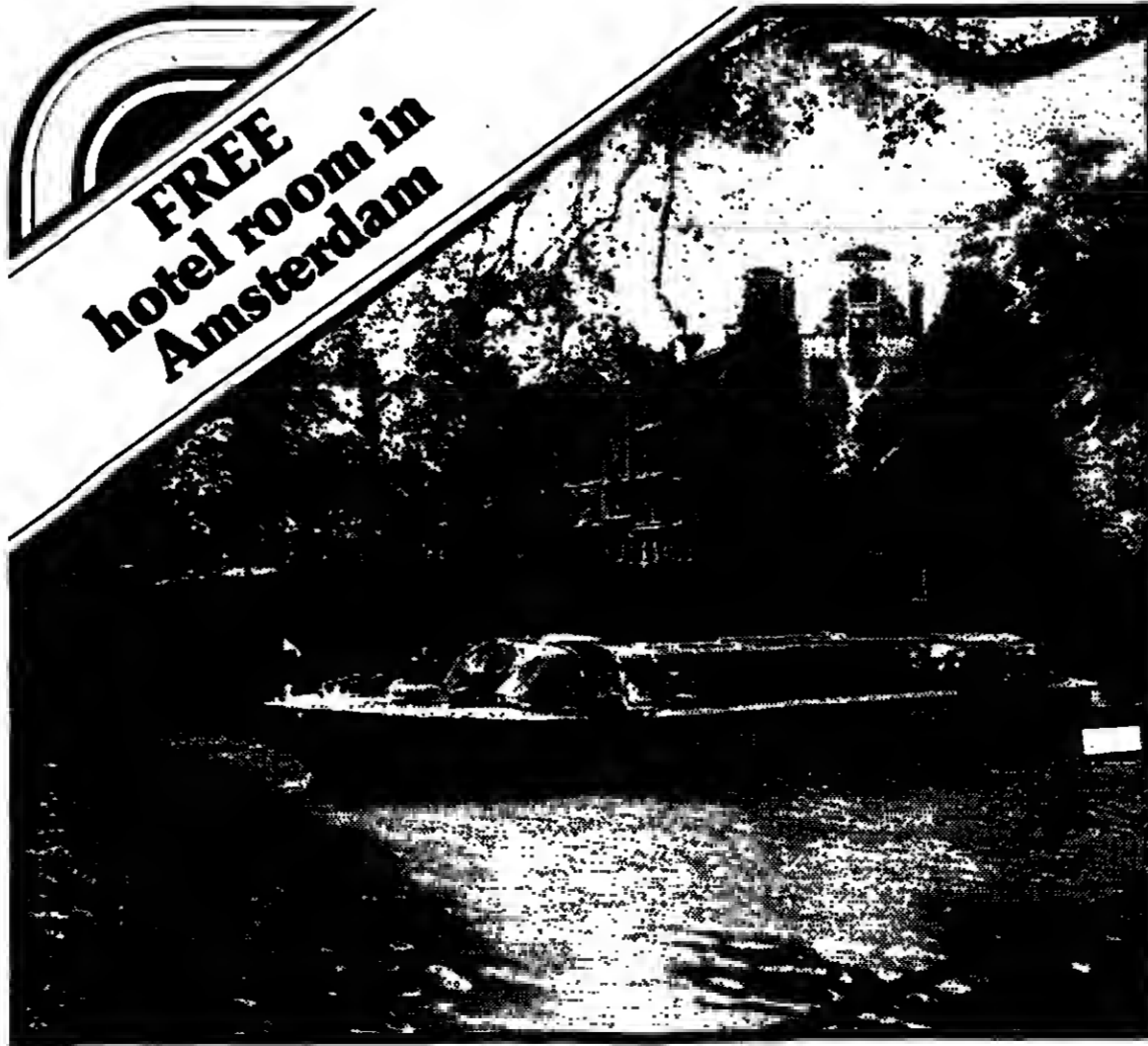
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Ecuador accuses Peru of new attack

QUITO, Ecuador, Feb. 21 — Ecuador accused Peru of new helicopter attacks Friday along a disputed border region where 10 soldiers were killed during a five-day territorial conflict which ended earlier this month.

Reagan names Lefever as human rights official

SANTA BARBARA, California, Feb. 21 — U.S. President Ronald Reagan named Ernest W. Lefever as assistant secretary of state for human rights and international affairs, a presidential spokesman announced.

Lefever, who is known as a staunch conservative who believes the United States is not responsible for promoting human rights in other countries, is director of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a private research center founded in 1976 at Georgetown University in Washington.

In 1978, Lefever made clear his disdain for human rights advocacy of the Jimmy Carter administration. "In a formal, a legal sense, U.S. government has no responsibility — certainly no authority — to promote human rights in other sovereign states," he wrote in the winter 1978 issue of *Policy*.

morning. Alvarado identified the outposts as Machinaza and Mayaycu, on the Cordillera of the Condor, a mountain range some 800 miles north of Lima on the western edge of the Amazon jungle.

The Ecuadorian spokesman said the incident was reported to the governments of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States, the four countries responsible for observing a ceasefire arranged on Feb. 2 by diplomats from the same countries.

There was no immediate reaction from Peru, which seized the two outposts during the border conflict. Each country claims the outposts. Peru said the two posts and another called Paquisha were occupied last month by about 300 Ecuadorean soldiers who were driven out in the five-day conflict by aerial bombardments and the helicopter landing of Peruvian troops.

The Rio de Janeiro protocol, a treaty signed between Ecuador and Peru in 1942 ceded 70,000 square miles of disputed territory to Peru. Ecuador renounced the treaty in 1951 and has claimed territorial rights to the Marañon River, some 60 miles south of the Condor range.

On the latest flare-up, Ecuador said its forces were resisting firmly. Interior Minister Carlos Ferraud said the situation was serious, but did not mention casualties.

Ecuador claims an oil-rich area of northern Peru which would give it access to the Amazon.

Soviet arms in Salvador

U.S. to release evidence

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig has expressed grave concern at the flow of Soviet bloc arms to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador and says the United States will release evidence supporting its charges. The State Department confirmed the accuracy of a U.S. diplomatic cable published by the *New York Times*. The cable outlined the evidence the United States says it has in the sources of arms for Salvadoran guerrillas.

Over the past year, the insurgency in El Salvador has been progressively transformed from a textbook case of indirect armed aggression by Communist powers through Cuba to the political direction, organization and leadership of the Salvadoran insurgency is coordinated and heavily influenced by Cuba with active support of the Soviet Union, East Germany, Vietnam and other Communist states," it said.

said the situation "has clearly progressed to the point where it must be a matter of grave concern" to the United States. He said the administration would make public its evidence on the issue on Monday.

U.S. envoys have been briefing European and Latin American governments on the charges of Communist intervention on behalf of leftist guerrillas trying to topple El Salvador's U.S.-supported civilian-military junta. Robert McFarlane, a military expert whom Haig has nominated to be his personal counselor, said at a congressional hearing Friday the administration was drawing up plans to stop the infiltration of foreign, pro-rebel forces into El Salvador.

McFarlane said the United States will send no troops to El Salvador but should aid that government because it can no longer tolerate Communist takeovers. "You may be confident this administration does not intend to make a Vietnam-like commitment of major forces," he told the committee.



BLAST VICTIM: A victim of an explosive device that went off at the Karachi national stadium minutes before Pope John Paul II reached there Monday. Three persons were injured, one fatally, in the mysterious blast.

3 more quit Labor Party

LONDON, Feb. 21 (AP) — The left-right split in Britain's Labor Party widened Friday night after three right-wing legislators quit the socialist party and another said he will not run for re-election on a Labor ticket.

The defections and the expected walkout by at least six more Laborite members of parliament next week brought the formation of a new democratic socialist center party a step nearer. Labor leader Michael Foot shrugged off the defections. But as the rebel movement gathered momentum leading Laborite Peter Shore branded the four "splitters and wreckers" and warned that the new faction has "a substantial potential for inflicting damage" on Labor.

The resignations marked the first complete break from Britain's main opposition party by many of the 13 Laborite MPs who have publicly expressed support for the breakaway Council for Social Democracy set up by leading right-wing rebels last month. The council is widely seen as the core of a new center party led by former Education Secretary Shirley Williams, former Defense Minister William Rodgers, former Foreign Secretary David Owen and onetime Labor deputy leader Roy Jenkins.

The resignations by Tom Ellis, Ian Wrigglesworth and Richard Grawshaw were expected to touch off a chain reaction by other Laborites disillusioned with the party's leftward stance. Grawshaw, who also resigned as a deputy speaker in the 135-seat House of Commons, predicted that as many as 40 other Laborite MPs will leave the party in the next year. The fourth rebel was former party chairman Tom Bradley who announced

he no longer wished to be considered as a Labor candidate in his Leicester district at the next general election.

Political analysts said Friday's defections mean it could now only be a matter of days before Jenkins formally announces the establishment of a new center party.

Soviet arms threaten Europe, Schmidt says

BONN, Feb. 21 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has warned that a continued buildup of Soviet medium-range nuclear weapons could threaten West Europe's independence.

He was quoted Friday by the weekly magazine *Der Spiegel* as saying Soviet leaders had made a grave error by departing from the principle of parity with arms programs for planes and nuclear missiles directed at European targets. "The trend with SS-20 rockets and backfire bombers during the past three years cannot be tolerated for a further three if we west European countries want to stay politically independent from the will of any future Soviet leadership," he said.

Defense Minister Hans Apel, in an article published Friday by the weekly journal *Die Zeit*, said Moscow had so far deployed more than 150 of the mobile, multi-warhead SS-20 missiles within range of Europe. He said some 50 of them were introduced last year alone, while dismantling of older SS-4 and SS-5 weapons, which the new missile superseded, has been halted with 450 still in position.

Schmidt has issued repeated warnings of a Soviet weapons advantage being built up before NATO can start to deploy New U.S. cruise and Pershing II missiles in west Europe from 1983. But his comments to *Der Spiegel*, released by the magazine ahead of publication Monday, suggested Bonn's concern over the prospect is deepening.

West Europeans needed to be given the figures to show that Soviet armaments had

moved "miles ahead" in some areas and were seriously endangering the military balance, he said. "The balance must be restored in those areas either by the Russians scrapping them or alternatively scrapping part of them and allowing the other side to build a part," he said.

West German sources with access to the results of U.S. satellite surveillance said this month that the Soviet Union was sharply boosting the rate at which SS-20s were deployed. They said the frequency at which new missiles were being introduced would soon reach two a week, double that of a year ago.

Defense Minister Hans Apel said the SS-20 program was aimed at China and other non-European targets. Apel said Moscow now had 1,440 "Euro-strategic" weapons compared with some 1,320 at the start of 1980, but he did not make clear how many more of the SS-20 missiles were thought likely to be deployed.

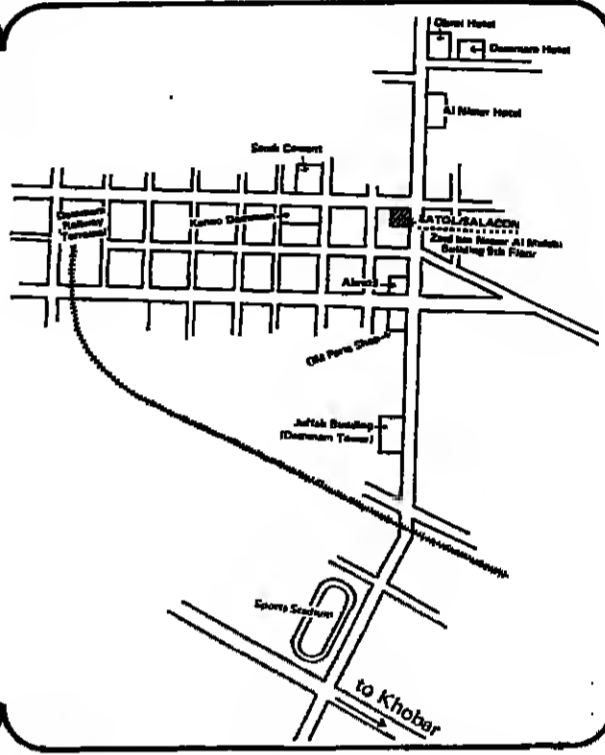
West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said in a radio interview Friday the Soviet arms build-up threatened countries far beyond western Europe. Genscher, who returned Friday from a four-day visit to Pakistan and Egypt, said the Russians had increased their power at sea and in the air.

Moscow had also undertaken a gigantic medium-range missile armament which threatened not only western Europe but north Africa, the Middle East, southwest Asia, Pakistan, India, China and Japan, he said.



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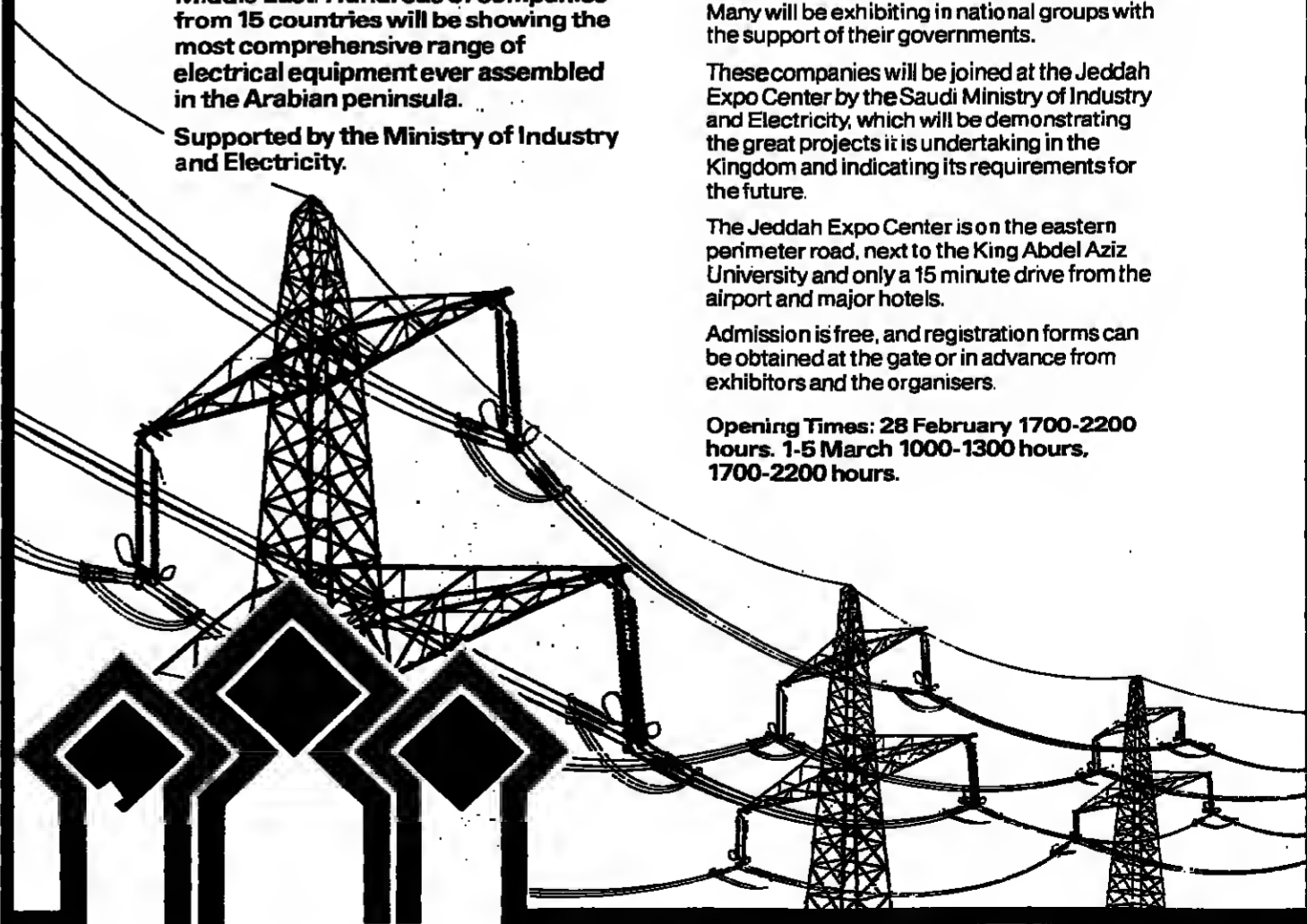
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OPEC aides review strategy in camera

GENEVA, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Oil ministers of six members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) secretly met here during the last two days to discuss long-term strategies that were upset by the outbreak of the Iraqi-Iranian war.

OPEC Secretary-General Rene Ortiz said Friday that the ministers considered ways of reviving the policies that were sidetracked by the Gulf war.

Among the proposals under consideration was a system of linking the price of crude oil with the rate of inflation in the industrialized countries.

Sources said that the meeting was held Thursday and Friday at a site overlooking Lake Geneva. The oil ministers of Indonesia, U.S. car firm incurs \$1.5b loss in 1980

U.S. car firm incurs \$1.5b loss in 1980

DEARBORN, Michigan, Feb. 21 (R) — Ford officials say recovery will be slow after the biggest loss in the U.S. corporate history which was announced by the giant carmaker.

The loss — \$1.5 billion in 1980 — is expected to be topped soon by an even bigger one of around \$1.7 billion dollars by Chrysler.

Experts were gloomily assessing the recession-hit U.S. car industry Friday after Ford's announcement of its first annual loss since the company became publicly held in 1956.

The Ford results reflect the industry-wide slump in U.S. sales of cars and trucks and, to a lesser extent, declining sales in Europe, the company says.

Ford officials also blame high U.S. interest rates and Japanese encroachment on to the U.S. market for part of the drop in domestic sales and profits. Japan last year captured a quarter of the U.S. car market and some angry U.S. carmakers have called for protectionist measures against imports.

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, who is to meet President Reagan in Washington in May, said in a Japanese television Friday that Japan must understand that American carmakers are in a business crisis, hinting his country might be ready for some restraints on its exports.

Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Kuwait, Nigeria and Venezuela attended.

Ortiz said that no decision was taken on holding a special OPEC summit before the next gathering, which is scheduled for May 25.

The two-day meeting here was the most important OPEC gathering since the regular ministers' session during December in Bali where it was decided to boost the price of oil by an average of 10 per cent. The Bali meeting agreed on a range extending from a minimum of \$32 for Saudi Arabian crude and a maximum of \$41 for Libyan oil.

Ortiz indicated that current oil prices were discussed. Prices have dropped because of a slump in consumption by the industrialized countries due to the recession. The decline was 7.5 per cent last year and a further reduction of one to two per cent is predicted for this year.

The official price structure does not reflect the market reality. Few countries are receiving the full authorized price. In addition to the countries represented at the meeting here, the 13-member OPEC groups Ecuador, Gabon, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

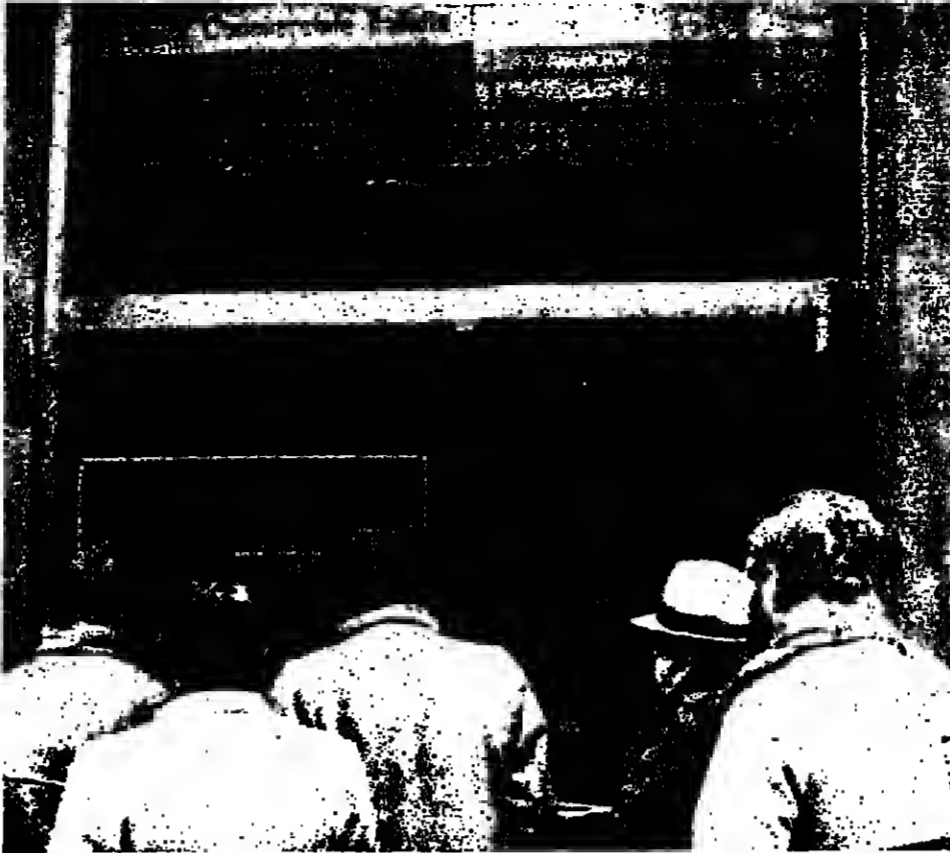
Later, Venezuelan Ambassador A. Martini told reporters no decision on pricing was taken by the six. The meeting was an informal one to take a general view of the market, he added.

Indonesian diplomats confirmed the talks, but refused to disclose what had been discussed.

The news of the meeting surprised oil industry experts, who said one possible subject was production cuts in an effort to stem the slump of prices on the spot oil market. However, Saudi Arabia has always said that its production levels are its own affair. The country is producing at a high 10.3 million barrels a day to try to make up for the loss of supplies caused by the Gulf war.

Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani, who attended Friday's meeting, said earlier this month the Kingdom planned to hold its output steady in February and did not intend to make any price changes before May.

All the ministers attending Friday's talks are responsible for energy apart from Umaru Dikko, who is Nigeria's transport minister. Sheikh Yamani and Dikko, contracted at a hotel Friday night, refused comment on the meeting.



DOLLAR UP: Passerby stand outside the headquarters of Milan's Banca Commerciale, looking at the latest quotation of the U.S. dollar which rocketed to an all-time high of 1,061.95 at Monday's fixing

Wall Street

Market cool to Reagan plan

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP) — While business leaders around the United States were applauding President Reagan's economic message this past week, the stock gave it a strikingly unenthusiastic response.

Following Reagan's speech to Congress Wednesday night, the market lapsed into a decline that caught many optimistic analysts off guard. "Reagan's address could give the market new direction," one forecaster had written a few days earlier.

"Street sees quick rally for market on Reagan good news," an investment newsletter reported at the start of the week. As it turned out, however, the market dropped sharply Thursday, and wound up the week with only mixed results.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials managed a 4.52 gain to 936.09. But the New York stock exchange composite index dropped .35 to 72.45, and the American stock exchange market value index lost 8.97 to 330.34.

Trading volume remained sluggish, averaging 40.47 million shares a day on the big board against 37 million the week before.

Reagan's proposals themselves could hardly be classified as a disappointment on Wall Street, where the idea of spending and budget cuts like those the president called for is popular, to say the least.

But as one analyst noted, "It still must go through the often tortuous congressional legislative process, and many aspects of the

program will undoubtedly be altered to some degree."

In fact, uncertainty over Congress' prospective treatment of the proposals seemed to be increasing as the week drew to a close.

"All of us should have realized the complexity the program would have," said Robert Stovall at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. "When we had a chance to look at all the details — so many pieces to cut, curtail, trim and snip in the budget — the realization hits us that the time gap between the president proposing and Congress disposing is probably going to be greater than most of us optimists thought."

"I think Reagan's on the right track, but it looks like we might have a long wait. And that means no great urgency for investors to buy stocks."

Belgium to place curbs on Japanese car import

BRUSSELS, Feb. 21 (AP) — Economic Affairs Minister Willy Claes has announced Belgium will curb Japanese car imports even if the Netherlands — a major economic partner — remains unwilling to go along with such a quota system.

"I have a different opinion of cooperation in the context of the Benelux," Claes said. The Benelux is a close economic union of three countries: Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

In an interview on a regional radio network in the southern part of the Netherlands, Claes did not say when his government will institute quotas on Japanese car imports or what the annual quota would be.

He said Japanese cars today make up 25 per cent of the entire car market of the Benelux compared to only 3 per cent in France and 10 per cent in West Germany. Italy allows only 2,200 Japanese cars into its territory annually, Claes noted.

Labor unrest escalates in Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast, Feb. 21 (R) — Hundreds of state sector workers in the Ivory Coast defied a government ban and went on strike in growing labor unrest caused by pay cuts of up to 60 per cent.

The cuts, which affect more than 30,000 people in almost all state enterprises, are part of the government austerity program to solve the country's acute financial problems.

Strikes are illegal for government employees and previous protests against the pay cuts, which were first announced last year, have mainly taken the form of go-slows.

But Friday, employees defied the strike ban and at least several hundred stayed away from work.

Essential services such as transport and banks were unaffected, but work stopped in the organization which services the national debt (Caisse Autonome D'Amortissement) and Satsmai, an important coffee and cocoa advisory body.

Belgium has been particularly hard hit by the steady rise of Japanese cars in Europe. There are half a dozen European and American car makers in this country directly employing almost 60,000 workers. In the past year, thousands of these workers have been laid off due to declining sales.

Belgium wants to curb Japanese car imports into the Benelux, but the Dutch government has so far rejected quotas for ideological reasons.

"Even if the Netherlands would not cooperate, Belgium will go ahead and limit the importation of Japanese cars," Claes declared.

Meanwhile in Tokyo, the 10 European Economic Community (EEC) member countries' ambassadors to Japan handed to Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito the text of an earlier EEC declaration expressing concern over Japan-EEC trade now in Japan's favor when they met at a dinner in Tokyo Friday night.

The dinner held at Dutch ambassador to Japan Johan Kaufmann's official residence was also attended by head of the EEC Tokyo office, according to officials of the EEC office.

In the declaration adopted by EEC's council of ministers on Feb. 17 this year, EEC expressed its "serious concern" at the present state of trade between Japan and the community, according to the officials.

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Dutch Guilder (100)	142.00	—	146.75
Egyptian Pound	—	4.18	4.34
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	90.95	91.10
French Franc (100)	67.00	66.00	68.65
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	68.15
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	80.85
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	7.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	33.00	33.60	33.50
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.20	16.20	16.23
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.51	10.425
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	85.50	85.15
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	71.25	72.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.50	35.85
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	48.00
Pound Sterling	7.61	7.65	7.74
Qatari Ryal (100)	—	91.70	91.90
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	159.00
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	38.45
Swiss Franc (100)	170.00	173.00	178.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	57.00	58.85
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Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Defense and Aviation	Supply of road fuel in the Kingdom	48	100	March 14
"	Catering for personnel in Jeddah and Taif	49	100	March 15
"	Catering for personnel in Medina	50	100	March 16
"	Catering for personnel in Nejjran	51	100	March 17
"	Supply of flags	52	100	March 18

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11.	Obestaln	Kanoo	Contra/Steel/Gen.	19.2.81
18.	Medoemant Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	19.2.81
19.	Strinde	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	19.2.81
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25.	Al Jabiriah	Kanoo	Gen/Cement/Steel/M.Powder	17.2.81
29.	Juba	Star	Fruits/Froz. Chickens	19.2.81
30.	Taibah	Najd	Loading Rice/Gen./Vehicles	19.2.81
32.	Maldive Noble	Alatas	Sorghum/Beans/Gen.	16.2.81
35.	Ming Hope	Sadek	Contra/Steel/Gen.	19.2.81
36.	Wibke	Alabd	Containers	21.2.81
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Ramsis	Fayez	Potatoes	20.2.81
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Ming Hope	Sadek	Containers	20.2.81
Polar Ace	A.E.T.	Vehicles	20.2.81
Juba	Star	Reefer	20.2.81
Reefer Princess	Attar	Froz. Chickens	20.2.81
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Oil hunt in poor states

U.S. rejects offer to join fund

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration has turned down participation in a proposed \$25 billion international fund that would help find new sources of energy in poor countries, the World Bank has said.

According to a report it recently made to Congress, the consensus of experts is that about a trillion barrels of oil (15 billion metric tons) have already been discovered, and that some of the most promising areas are in the Arctic, others are in the poor countries of the world, or just off their coasts.

Failure of gas talks

U.S. company to write off \$375m

By Cynthia Shanley Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 21 — El Paso Co. announced that the company will write off its assets and discontinue operations as a result of unsuccessful negotiations with Algeria on its liquefied natural gas project, according to John McFall, a spokesman for the company.

A U.S. delegation has returned to Washington after two days of fruitless renegotiations between El Paso Co. and the Algerian state oil and gas company Sonaatrach. Talks were broken off indefinitely after a failure to reach an agreement on the price of the liquefied natural gas delivered to the U.S.

El Paso's contract with Sonaatrach involved the supply of 19 billion cubic meters of LNG annually over a 25-year period starting in 1978.

well, stretching into Canada; the east coast of Newfoundland, the sea north of Norway reaching toward Spitzbergen, and the northern basins of the Soviet Union.

China, Egypt, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, the southeast coast of South America, India, Malaysia also have possibilities. Antarctica is largely unexplored, as is the coast of Africa particularly Somalia.

Even Venezuela, one of the world's biggest producers, has what the GAO calls "tremendous heavy oil potential."

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pricing negotiations broke down, almost half the company's equity, which is estimated at \$899 million. The suspension of the gas deliveries has cost the company about \$7 million a month since last April, El Paso said.

It was suggested earlier in the week that the U.S. side was preparing to pay more than \$4 per million British thermal unit (BTU) of LNG, while Sonaatrach was demanding \$6 per million BTU to make the gas price energy-equivalent to that of crude oil.

When deliveries were suspended ten months ago, Algeria was charging \$1.94 per million BTU.

The failure of negotiations to "agree on the complex energy policy issues" involved in the pricing question spells bad news for the Houston-based El Paso Co. Algeria's second largest gas customer.

Meanwhile, the Algerian Press Service (APS) has blamed the United States for the breakdown of gas talks.

The official Algerian news agency said Friday that the Reagan administration had balked at agreements reached while former President Carter was in power.

It did not give details. A new agreement had been expected during this week's talks between government officials.

Kenya plagued by inflation, recession

NAIROBI, Feb. 21 (AP) — The Kenyan economy is a mess — and there are no immediate prospects of a recovery.

That was the grim message from Economic Planning and Development Minister Zachary Onyonga when he presented details Friday of the country's economic performance over the last quarter of 1980.

Onyonga said: "We are facing a much more difficult year. The year of soft options is over and the situation is very tight indeed."

He said Kenyans will have to brace themselves for a continued economic slump and rising inflation.

Inflation he said, would rise from present 13 per cent to a much higher level due to the recent adjustment of the Kenya shilling. He did not predict how high it would rise.

BRIEFS

HONG KONG, (AFP) — China has produced a new device which can convert the energy of ocean waves into electricity, the New China News Agency (NCNA) has reported.

The device is produced by the Designing and Research Institute under the Shanghai Navigation Channel Bureau, in cooperation with Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

LONDON (R) — Unemployment and the economic situation in general will be the chief topic at the European Common Market summit next month, EEC Commission President Gaston Thorn has predicted.

LISBON, (R) — Angola is negotiating exploration rights to a new offshore oil block with two U.S. oil companies and another foreign firm, the Angolan news agency Angop has said.

PARIS, (AFP) — The Eiffel Tower will undergo a 180-million-franc (\$36 million) overhaul to rejuvenate Paris' famous grand dame of a landmark, Mayor Jacques Chirac has announced.

HONG KONG (AFP) — Customs officers seized more than a million dollars worth of heroin and heroin base in a series of raids authorities have said.

A government spokesman said Friday a 35-year-old man and a 28-year-old woman were arrested in the raids.

HONG KONG (AFP) — The Hong Kong-Europe Freight Conference will raise congestion surcharges for the ports of Alexandria, Algiers and Port Said on March 6.

The increases are 10 per cent for Alexandria and Algiers and 12 per cent for Port Said.

Japan to buy LPG from Abu Dhabi

TOKYO, Feb. 21 (R) — Japanese companies have contracted to import 1.52 million tons of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) a year from Abu Dhabi, equivalent to some 15 per cent of Japan's total LPG imports last year, trading sources here have said.

A group of seven companies has contracted with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) to buy 1.22 million tons a year at undisclosed cost from an Abu Dhabi gas industries company plant, a multinational venture 68 per cent owned by ADNOC, they said.

Marubeni Corporation has also signed with France's Compagnie Francaise des Petroles (CFP) to buy 300,000 tons a year of LPG produced at the same plant.

Shipment will begin when the plant, which has an annual production capacity of 2.64 million tons, opens in July and will continue for five years, the sources said.

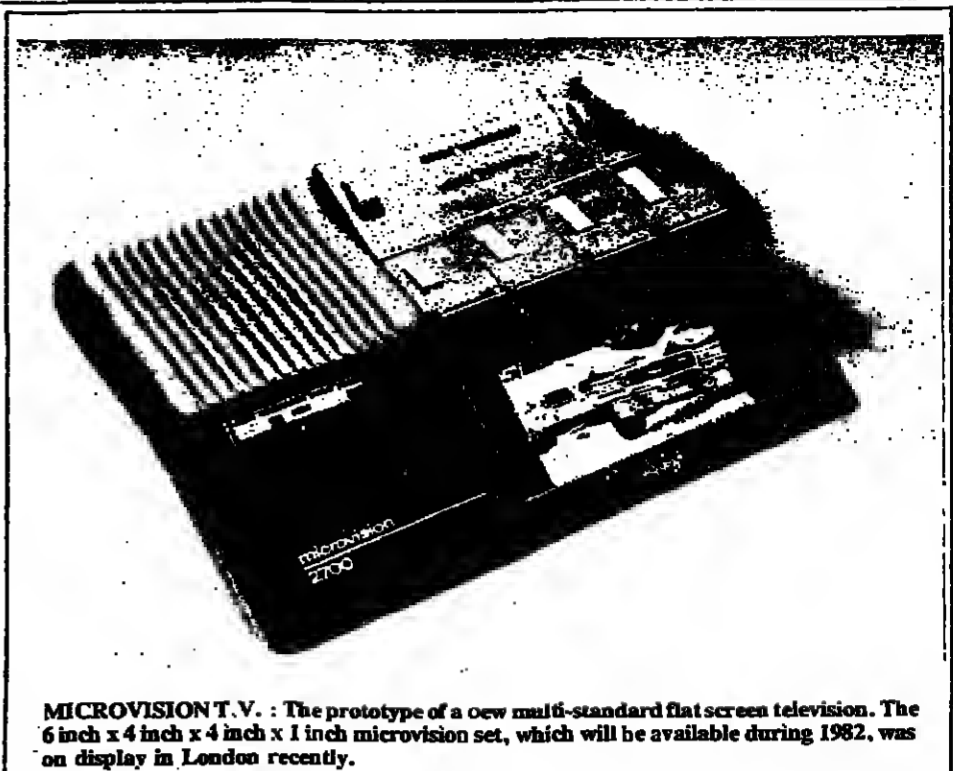
The seven Japanese firms are Idemitsu Kosan Kaisha, Mitsui, Bridgestone Ekika Gas Company, Mitsubishi Corporation C. Itoh, Maruzen Oil Company, and Showa Oil Company.

Libya buys Lockheed despite U.S. embargo

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (R) — The Libyan government, which was prohibited from buying U.S. aircraft, has managed to obtain at least one Lockheed L-100 transport shipped without the required export licence, the State Department has said.

Spokesman William Dyess said Friday the U.S. was taking all possible steps to prevent similar deals in the future.

The L-100 is a civilian version of the C-130 military workhorse and could be converted to carry troops, officials said.



MICROVISION T.V.: The prototype of a new multi-standard flat screen television. The 6 inch x 4 inch x 4 inch x 1 inch microvision set, which will be available during 1982, was on display in London recently.

Japan to lend \$30m to Poland

TOKYO, Feb. 21 (AP) — Japan will offer to Poland \$30 million in loans at a Western creditor nations' conference in Paris, next week, Japan's Kyodo news service reported Saturday.

Quoting government sources, Kyodo said the loans will include \$15 million in bank loans from the Export-Import Bank and the remaining \$15 million in deferred payment export financing from the Export-Import Bank and city banks.

The loans will be extended to Poland during the January-June period of this year, it said.

The United States, Japan, West Germany, France and other major Western countries will gather in Paris Monday to discuss aid to Poland, which has been having trouble repay-

ing loans because of its internal unrest.

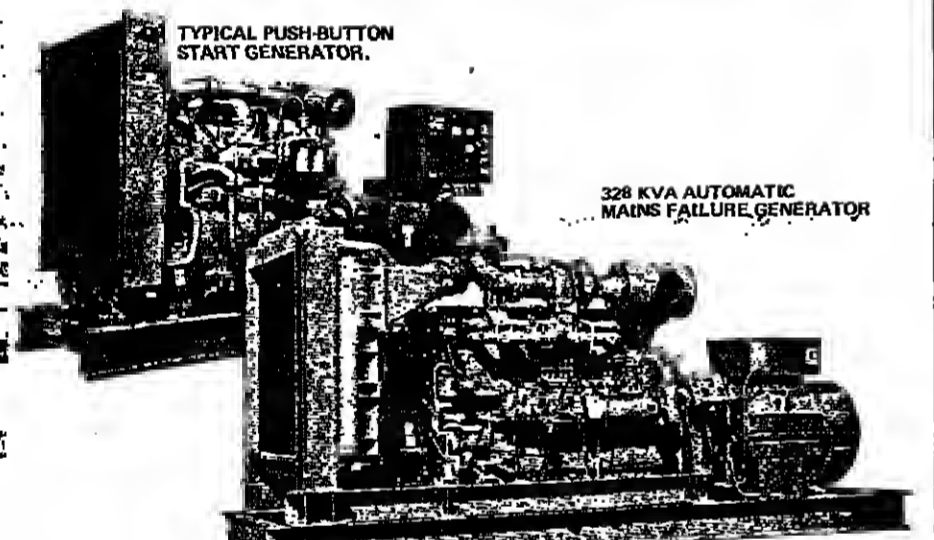
Kyodo said Poland is said to owe Western nations about \$23 billion, including \$1 billion to Japan. Foreign ministry officials declined to confirm the report.

North Sea oil platform shut due to explosion

ABERDEEN, Feb. 21 (R) — An oil platform in the North Sea has been temporarily shut down following an explosion Thursday night, a Shell spokesman said Saturday.

He said no one was injured in the explosion in a generator on the Shell-Esso jointly owned Bravo platform, which had been producing 62,000 barrels of oil a day.

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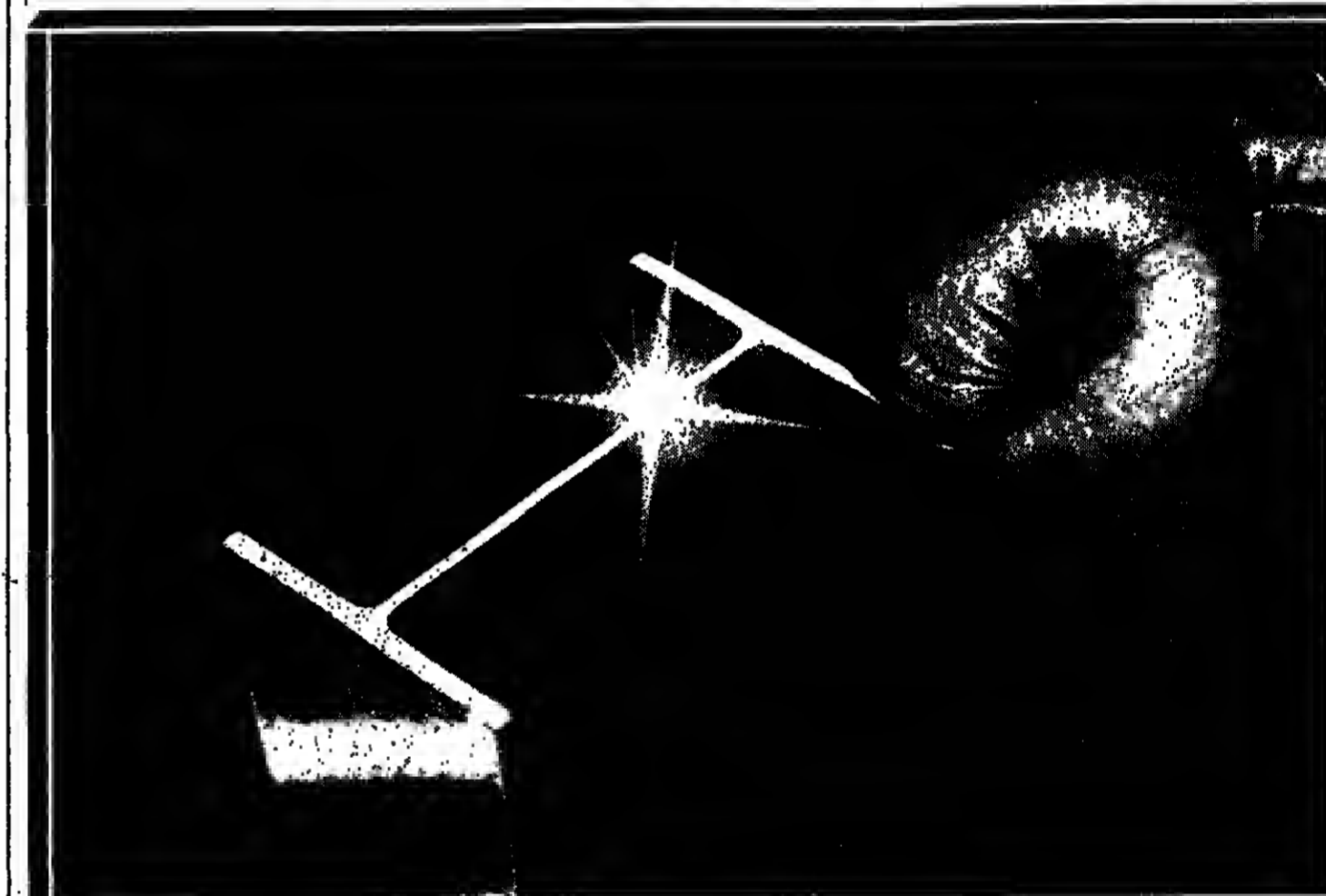
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Mavericks beaten again

Nets score fifth straight win

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP) — The New Jersey Nets seemed to have turned things around, which is more than can be said for the Dallas Mavericks. They just continue to head in the same direction — backward.

The Nets, who earlier this year set a season record of 14 straight losses, continued a reversal of field Friday night by winning their fifth straight National Basketball Association game with a 123-113 overtime triumph over the Portland Trail Blazers.

The streak tied the Nets' longest ever. The last time they won five in a row came in Oct. 1978.

The Mavericks, meanwhile, continued their downward trend by dropping a 117-109 decision to the Philadelphia 76ers by the way, that was their 15th in a row.

Mike Newlin and Darwin Cook led the way for New Jersey, each scoring 30 points, including six aperiodic in overtime. The Nets opened the overtime period by grabbing an eight-point lead in less than three minutes. Kevin Ransney, who had 24 points, was the only Blazer to interrupt a Nets rally that gave New Jersey a 115-107 advantage during the first 3:44 of overtime.

Cook hit three straight jumpers before fouling out with 3:08 remaining. The Trail Blazers missed several chances to catch up.

Darryl Dawkins sparked the 76ers victory over the Mavericks, whose record dropped to a woeful 8-55. Dawkins scored all of his 14 points in the second half by hitting seven of seven shots from the floor to start the 76ers in their 55th victory in 67 decisions.

Houston Rockets 110, Los Angeles Lakers 107: Moses Malone's layup with three seconds left and a free throw after being fouled on the play paced Houston over Los Angeles. The Rockets called a timeout with five seconds to go and the score tied at 107. Calvin Garrett found Malone alone under the basket and fed him a pass for the game-winning shot. The Lakers had tied the game with 44 seconds left.

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nds to play on a pair of free throws by Norm Nixon.

New York Knicks 124, Washington Bullets 112: Mike Glenn entered the game in the second quarter and scored 12 points in eight minutes and 21 overall to lead New York over Washington. Glenn also scored nine points in the first 4½ minutes of the fourth period as the Knicks won their 10th game in the last 11.

Washington's Elvin Hayes and Kevin Grevey each scored a game-high 23 for Washington. Kevin Porter, who registered 15 assists, had 22 points for the Bullets.

Indiana Pacers 109, San Antonio Spurs 106: George McGinnis scored four points in the final 30 seconds to trigger Indiana past San Antonio. McGinnis, who led the Pacers with 24 points and 12 rebounds, scored a field goal to give Indiana a 107-106 lead with 17 seconds left. Four seconds later, he hit two free throws.

George Gervin, who had 20 of his game-high 30 points in the third quarter to spark a

Barber snatches lead

Morgan drops to 2nd spot

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21 (AP) — Miller Barber, the Texan who turns 50 next month, shot a 4-under-par 67 to take the early second-round lead in the \$300,000 Glen Campbell Los Angeles Open at 133.

First-round leader, Dr. Gil Morgan, was a stroke behind with a 69-134.

"I think I played as good in this round than I can and I'm very happy to be where I am. If I'm fortunate enough to win here, I think it will be a good thing for golf," Barber said.

Barber said he believes the older players hit the ball straighter than the youngsters who have more power and hit the ball farther. "I think you are only as old as you feel," said the veteran who will be 50 on March 31.

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San Antonin comeback, was one of three Spurs who missed 3-point shots in the closing seconds.

Chicago Bulls 98 Utah Jazz 84: Ricky Sobers scored 21 points as Chicago downed Utah. Adrian Dantley led Utah with 30 points and Jeff Wilkins had a career-high 22 as the Jazz dropped its 40th game of the season.

The Bulls led all the way but the Jazz drew to within 70-68 in the fourth quarter. Then Chicago, Zehnd Sobers and Bobby Wilkerson who finished with 14 points, pulled away.

Kansas City Kings 112, Milwaukee Bucks 109: Otis Birdsong hit a basket and Scott Wedman added a pair of free throws in the last 58 seconds as Kansas City edged Milwaukee. After trailing by as many as 15 points, the Kings overtook Milwaukee 110-109 on Birdsong's basket with 58 seconds left. Wedman hit his free throws with 39 seconds left to ice the victory, the King's fifth straight.



WELL SET: Oregon State University's Steve Johnson (33) is well poised to score a basket as Wayne McCoy (55), Kevin Williams (12) and Larry Washington (21) of St. John University anxiously await for the rebound.

Coghlan better own world mark

SAN DIEGO, California, Feb. 21 (R) — Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan set a new world record for the indoor mile with a time of three minutes 50.6 seconds Saturday night, cutting two seconds off the previous record he set two years ago.

Coghlan made his move with two laps to go in the 11-lap race holding off American Steve Scott who also finished inside the old record in 3:51.8. John Walker of New Zealand finished third in 3:52.8, the fourth fastest ever indoors.

"I'm actually disappointed," said Coghlan. "I was hoping to break 3:50 but I can't be too upset."

The disappointed Scott, who has been battling Coghlan on the indoor circuit, said, "I was under the previous record, but you are nothing unless you are number one. I'm sure no one will ever remember my time."

Ray Flynn of Ireland finished fourth in 3:53.6. Harold Hudak of West Germany was fifth in 3:59.7, and Filbert Bayi of Tanzania was sixth in 4:01.0.

Meanwhile, Shamil Abbasov of the Soviet Union set a world indoor record of 17.30 meters for the men's treble jump at the European Indoor Athletic Championships at Oeble, France.

Abbasov beat the previous record set by compatriot Gennadiy Valyukevich twenty years ago by one centimeter.

In Texas, Houston's Carl Lewis became the world's third fastest runner in the 60-yard dash Friday night by winning the gold medal in that event in 6.06 seconds at the Annual Southeast Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships in the Tarrant County Convention Center.

To restore lost prestige
McEnroe beats Borg

MELBOURNE, Feb. 21 (R) — American John McEnroe restored a little of his lost prestige when he beat Sweden's Bjorn Borg 6-4, 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 in their third and final tennis challenge match Saturday night.

Borg, who won the series 2-1, received a gold racket, said to be worth about \$30,000, and a reputed \$500,000 in prize money. McEnroe is believed to have collected \$300,000.

In the first two confrontations, played over the best of three sets, the Swede emerged the victor 6-0, 6-4 on Thursday and 6-2, 6-4 Friday.

McEnroe's victory prevented Borg gaining a devastating psychological advantage before they start preparing for Wimbledon and French and U.S. Opens.

He broke Borg's service for only the second time in the series to lead 2-1 and raised his fist in celebration as he went on to take the opening set in 50 minutes. But the Swede bounced back in the second set breaking McEnroe almost at will and needing just 25 minutes to level the score.

After McEnroe took the third set on a tie-break heavy rain forced a two and a half hour interruption.

But the break did not upset the American and he raced through the fourth set in 26 minutes just in time for a few quick words before a waiting helicopter flew him to the airport for a flight home.

McEnroe said he thought he had played

well and indicated that he would play in the Australian Open. He also paid tribute to his warm reception from the crowd, saying: "Australians are the only people who cheer me."

Borg said the series had been good for his confidence as he only meets McEnroe about five times a year.

Meanwhile, Jimmy Connors overwhelmed unseeded Pat Dupre, 6-1 Friday in a quarter-final singles match at the \$175,000 Grand Mariner-ATP Tennis games at the La Quinta Hotel Resort.

Connors, who needed about 75 minutes to dispose of Dupre, will face seventh-seeded Elio Teltscher in one of Saturday's semifinals. Teltscher needed a pair of tie-breakers to eliminate 14th-seeded Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia, 7-6, 7-6. The tie-breaker scores were 7-4 and 7-2.

In Saturday's other semifinals match, second-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia will face third-seeded Harold Solomon.

Lendl advanced with a 7-6, 6-1 triumph over fifth-seeded Roscoe Tanner, while Solomon rallied for a 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 victory over eighth-seeded Brian Gottfried.

In Texas, American women took a beating as Czech Hana Mandlikova and West German Bettina Bunge qualified for the semifinals in the \$100,000 Women's Houston Tennis Tournament.

Mandlikova, top seed, beat American Kate Latham 6-3, 6-4 and Bunge beat American Pam Trengarden 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

BRIEFS

PIRAEUS, Greece (AP) — The death toll from a stampede at a sports stadium here earlier this month rose to 20 following the death of a 19-year-old soccer player reported Saturday. Fostathios Loupos died Friday at the state hospital of Piraeus of injuries sustained in the stampede on Feb. 8, which also left over 90 injured.

LONDON, (AFP) — The future of English rugby was thrown back into the melting pot Friday, when the Rugby Union committee rejected the restructuring plan advanced by John Burgess's playing subcommittee. Burgess suggested leagues at all levels of the game, and, despite the 30-20 adverse vote against his new set-up, leagues seem sure to be introduced in two years.

LONDON, (AFP) — England beat India for the fourth successive time in the Hotel Badminton series at Huddersfield last night. They won 6-1 after 19-year-old Nick Yates, the surprise Dutch open champion ensured victory by outplaying Syed Modi 15-3 15-7 in the fifth match.

SARASOTA, Florida (AP) — Defending U.S. Open Champion Amy Alcott carded a 67 Friday to pull into a three-way tie with Japan's Ayako Okamoto and Sandra Post for the second-round lead of the LPGA's \$150,000 Bent Tree Classic.

SEATTLE, Washington (AP) — The soccer, rowing and canoeing events of the 1984 Summer Olympics could be held in Seattle, says Peter Ueberroth, president of Olympic committee in Los Angeles, where most of the games will be played.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1981

Norwich crash to another big defeat

LONDON, Feb. 21 (R) — Four goals in the final 16 minutes gave Birmingham a 4-1 win over Norwich in the English Soccer First Division Friday night plunging their visitors deep into the relegation area.

It was the seventh defeat in a row for Norwich and, by an irony, followed a bright first half in which they missed a penalty. Kevin Bond's shot hit a post.

Tony Evans (2), Alan Ainscow and the evergreen Scot Archie Gemmill, best known for his Derby and Nottingham Forest days, were the late scorers.

In a division two match Nottingham won 1-0 at Cardiff and consolidated their hold on second place. Trevor Christie scored five minutes from the end when goalkeeper Ron Healey dropped the ball on the goal line.

Meanwhile, Romanian-born Pierre Mindru was named Friday as assistant coach of the Manic, Montreal's new entry in the North American Soccer League. A resident of Montreal for the past four years, Mindru is a former coach of Progresul of Bucharest as well as First Division teams in Algeria and Morocco.

In recent years he has coached elite teams in the Quebec Soccer-Football Federation. Six of his former players have earned a spot with NASL clubs.

Mindru will join head coach Ede Firmari at the Manic's elite tryout camp at Center Claude Robillard this Sunday.

In the Netherlands, Rob Baan hoped to go down in sports history as the only Dutch soccer coach who never lost a match, but he is a little less confident after lowly Cyprus nearly surprised Belgium in mid week.

Baan, interim trainer of the troubled Dutch team, will be in sole charge for Sunday's World Cup European Group Two qualifying clash against the Cypriots in this northern town.

Anything but an emphatic home victory would have been unthinkable a few years ago. But Cyprus showed immense fighting spirit in holding European championship runners-up Belgium to a 3-2 score in Brussels on Wednesday and the Dutch are demoralized after losing previous qualifying games to Belgium and Ireland.

Dutch coach Jan Kfruis resigned last month shortly after his team completed participation in a Mini-World Cup Tournament in Uruguay without winning a match. His successor, former PSV Eindhoven trainer Kees Rijvers, will take over officially on July 1.

He and Baan, who will jointly manage the team for a potentially crucial World Cup game against France in Rotterdam on March 25, look back longingly to the stars who took the Netherlands to the World finals in 1974 and 1978.

Baan says his team will not make the same mistakes against Cyprus as the Belgians. "I was surprised Belgium did not maintain their early pace which gave them a 2-0 lead. We will make far better use of the wings and not get bogged down in the middle," he said.

Nottingham Forest fined

ZURICH, Feb. 21 (R) — European Cup holders Nottingham Forest were fined 30,000 Swiss francs (nearly \$16,000 for displaying advertising material on players' kit during a European Super-Cup match in Dec.

The European Football Union (UEFA) control and disciplinary commission said Forest broke a rule by displaying the material when playing Valencia, Spanish holders of the Cup Winners' Cup, in the second-leg match on Dec. 17. The English club lost on aggregate.

The panel, chaired by Dr. Alberto Barbe of Italy, also fined a West German player, Frank Millum for spitting at a linesman and for improper conduct toward the referee in an under-21 international against Bulgaria on Dec. 2.

Torino of Italy, 3,000 francs because fans



DAZED: Mustafa Hamsho appears to be weary in early action against Curtis Parker during a scheduled 10-round middleweight fight recently which was by Hamsho on a split decision.

Yograj, Shastri make impressive Test debut

WELLINGTON, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Indian cricketers Yograj Singh and Ravi Shastri celebrated their Test debut by taking valuable wickets on the first day of the first Test against New Zealand at Wellington. At stumps, New Zealand were 4 for 241.

The first wicket to fall was that of John Wright 20 minutes before lunch in the 19th over of the match with the New Zealand total at 60.

Wright slugged Yograj's delivery high into the air towards Binny who was two meters inside the boundary at long leg. Although he was looking into the sun, Binny did not need to put any effort into taking the easy catch and Wright was out for 32.

Wright's total included four boundaries and one five which came in the 13th over when he hit a single off Kapil Dev towards Binny at square-leg.

Binny threw the ball hard at the stumps in an effort to run out Edgar but the ball sped on to the opposite boundary to give Wright five runs for the ball.

In the 36th over, with his very first ball of the Test, Sandeep Patil had the other opener Bruce Edgar caught behind for 39 runs. This Patil's third wicket in seven Tests and it was

wicketkeeper Sved Kirmani's 85th catch in 46 full internationals.

The same combination of Patil and Kirmani accounted for the wicket of John Reid off the last ball of the 70th over just before drinks in the final session of the day.

Reid's long innings of 189 minutes included four boundaries and there was one period of 37 minutes when he did not score a single run.

New Zealand lost its fourth wicket six overs later when newcomer Shastri took a splendid catch off his own bowling to send Jeremy Coney back to the dressing rooms for only 4 runs off 25 balls.

Score-board
New Zealand (1st innings):

J. Wright c Binny b Yograj Singh	32
B. Edgar c Kirmani b Patil	39
J. Reid c Kirmani b Patil	46
G. Howarth batting	77
J. Coney c and b Shastri	4
G. Edwards batting	4
Extras	24
Total (for four wickets)	241
Fall of wickets 1-60, 2-101, 3-200, 4-215.	
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 26-6-71-0; Yograj Singh 9-20-1; Binny 16-3-47-0; Shastri 22-7-42-1; Patil 15-3-37-2.	

Bob Willis to fly back

GEORGEON, Guyana, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Fast bowler Bob Willis has had to pull out of the England's touring cricket side because of injury. The departure of their vice-captain will add to the problems of the tourists who were crushed by the West Indies in the first Test Wednesday.

Willis, 31, who has taken 198 wickets in 57 Tests, twisted his knee in a one-day match against the Windward Islands in St. Vincent on February 1 and has not responded to treatment. He will fly back to London this weekend.

Aussies crumble

LAHORE, Pakistan, Feb. 21 (AP) — Pakistan's pace attack sent Australia crumbling to 155 for nine on the opening day of the four-day first unofficial under-19 mini-Test at the Gaddafi Stadium here Friday.

Doug Harris opening the innings, scored 52 with the help of two fours. His fine innings gave hoost to the visitors but did not stem the rot which followed.

That big soccer deal

Parting is painful, Maradona says

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Feb. 21 (AP) — Soccer prodigy Diego Maradona switched Argentine clubs Friday night after Boca Juniors, aided by rich fans, paid \$4,375,000 and traded six top players to borrow his services for 16 months.

The deal, one of the costliest in the sport's history, gave Boca Juniors the option to pay another \$4.6 million after the June 1982 World Cup playoffs to buy the stocky, mid-fielder outright from the Argentinos Juniors Club.

Club officials signed the agreement hours before the annual player-trading deadline, following a futile effort by Boca Juniors to raise enough downpayment for an immediate purchase which has cost about \$9 million.

The two clubs then played an exhibition match before 25,000 spectators in Boca Juniors Stadium with Maradona playing the

first half for Argentinos Juniors before donning his first Boca Juniors uniform. He scored 1 second half goal and Argentinos Juniors won 3-2.

Maradona, at 20 one of the game's highest stars, had played his entire five-year professional career for Argentinos Juniors, a modest First-Division club that couldn't afford to keep him.

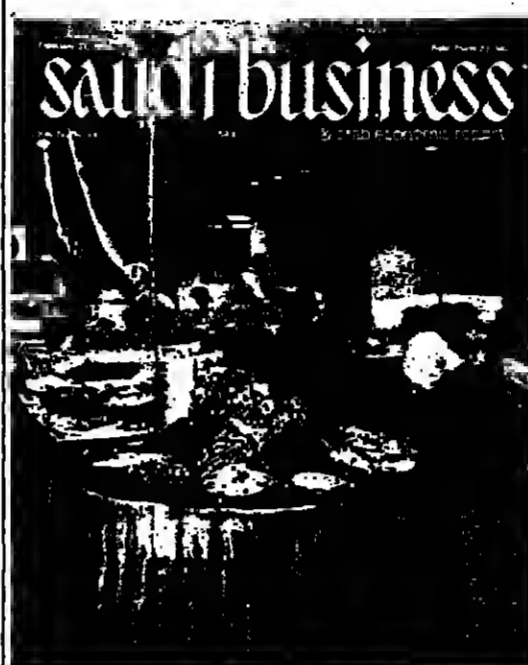
The deal with Boca Juniors put a temporary end to overtures by Spain's Barcelona Football Club, which tried to buy the player for \$10 million last year. The Argentine Football Association loaned Argentinos Juniors \$1 million to prevent the transfer, which would have jeopardized Maradona's place on the national team.

Boca Juniors agreed to pay the \$400,000 balance of that loan plus a \$1.1-million Argentinos Juniors bank debt in addition to

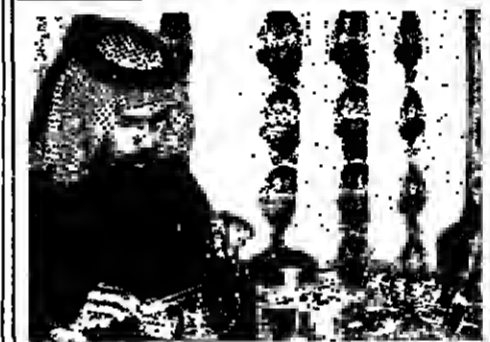
paying 2.5 million in cash down for the temporary transfer and paying Maradona's 15 per cent, or \$375,000.

Under the accord, Boca Juniors will have first option to buy Maradona after the national team defends its World Cup title, and this would cost it \$4 million for Argentinos Juniors plus \$10,000 for the player.

A group of Argentine businessmen who are fans of Boca Juniors put up the money for the club, which is \$4.6 million in debt. Although not named in the transfer agreement, they are the deal owners of Maradona, as Boca Juniors has reportedly agreed to reimburse them a percentage of its gate earnings. The businessmen would then determine whether these earnings justify buying the player next year.



Read this week in SAUDI BUSINESS



THIS WEEK'S COVER STORY

Eating out is becoming a tough business as Geoff Gardner reports on page 22. With the Kingdom's development and the growing influx of foreign labor, restaurants tend to be more and more sophisticated and the business is no longer for amateurs.



ROYAL VISIT:

The King and Queen of Sweden are paying a royal visit to the Kingdom this week. Sweden, as Nigel King reports on page 22, found out hopes to sell its image as a neutral country and push the trilateral talks between the OECD, OPEC and developing countries. And of course to get a bigger slice of the Saudi market.

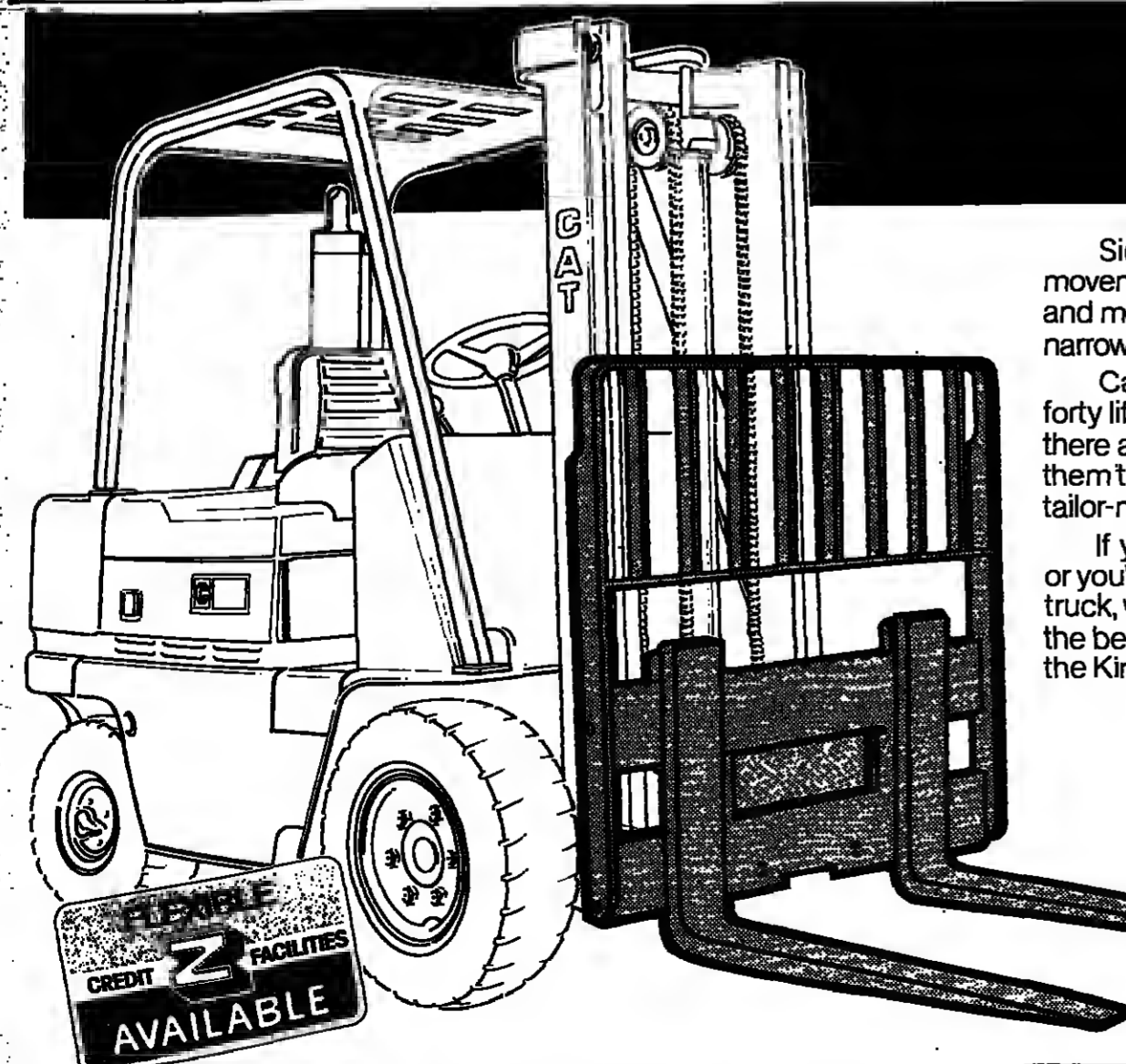


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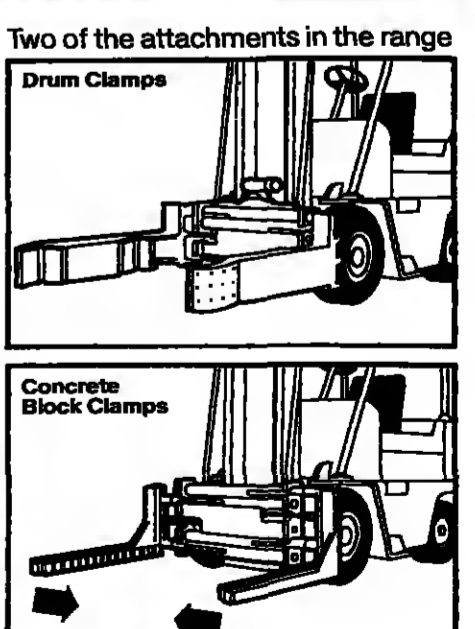
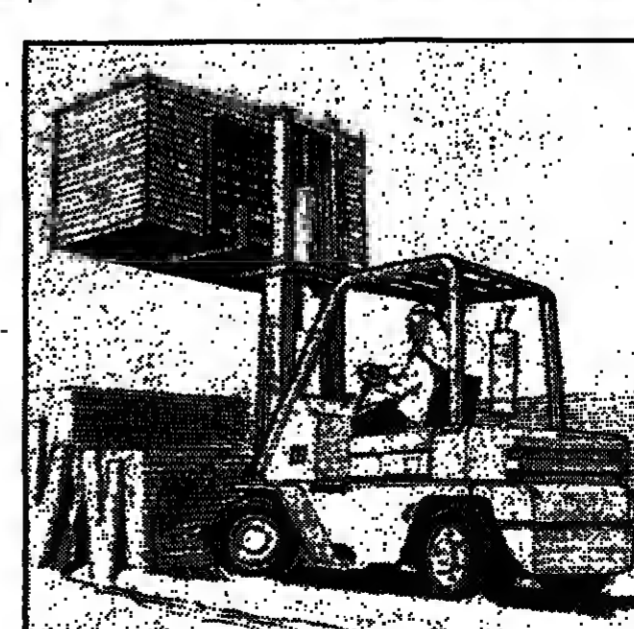
The mere size of the Saudi delegation that participated in the meeting of the Saudi-British joint commission was a good indication that things are back to normal. Anne Whitehouse reports from London on the talks and their outcome.

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BLONDIE

MY BOY I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

I'VE DECIDED TO ACT ON YOUR RAISE REQUEST

I'VE MOVED IT FROM THE 'REJECTED' FILE TO THE 'SUSPENSE' FILE

I WONDER HOW MANY FILES ARE AHEAD OF 'ACCEPTED'?

WHAT GOES HIP, HIP, GRUNT, HIP, HIP, GRUNT, HIP, HIP, HOORAY?

THE FAT BRAD GETTING INTO A PAIR OF DESIGNER JEANS.

I GIVE UP...

ANDY CAPP

WHAT'S NEW, FLOP?

THE TELLY IS OUT OF ACTION AGAIN, MOTHER

LET ME AVE A GO AT IT, FLO - I ONLY AVE TO KICK MINE TO GET IT WORKIN'

NO THANKS, MOTHER

IT'S WORTH A TRY

NO MOTHER

IF YOU MUST KICK SOMETHIN', AVE A GO AT THAT LIIMP - HE HASN'T WORKED FOR YEARS

SHADDUP!

HAGAR

HÄGAR!!

GET YOUR FEET OFF THE TABLE!

...ER... SORRY, DEAR

SMALL SOCIETY

HOO-BOY! THE STOCK MARKET IS SURE A GREAT TEACHER -

EXCEPT THAT WHAT IT TEACHES, YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW, UNLESS YOU'RE IN THE MARKET -

WIZARD

IT'S A POSTCARD FROM THE KING AT THE SHORE

THE BEACHES ARE SOAKED WITH OIL

THE STREETS ARE FULL OF REFUGEES AND NO ONE SPEAKS THE LANGUAGE...

WISH YOU WERE HERE

DENNIS the MENACE

THESE ARE THE GOOD OL' DAYS, JOEY... BUT WE WON'T KNOW IT FOR AWHILE.

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Caught in a Quandary

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 10 5
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ K Q 10 9 3
 ♣ K 6 4 2

EAST
 ♠ 8 7 4 3
 ♥ 9 7 2
 ♦ A 2
 ♣ A Q 8 5

SOUTH
 ♠ A J
 ♥ A K Q 10 8 5 3
 ♦ 8 6 5
 ♣ 7

The bidding:
 West North East South
 Pass Pass Pass 4♥

Opening lead - jack of clubs.
 Declarer must guess what to do in some hands because he does not know how the adverse cards are divided. The clues are sometimes disturbingly sparse, the defense may be exceptionally clever, and how to play the hand may be in considerable doubt.

But such deals, fortunately, are rare, and declarer can nearly always find a way of guessing correctly or avoiding the guess altogether.

Take this hand where South went wrong. He ducked the club lead, ruffed the continu-

tion, drew trumps, and played a diamond to dummy's queen. East followed low. He realized that if he took the ace his partner's jack (if he had it) would be subject to a later finesse. Declarer then played a low spade to his jack. West ruffed, cashed the ace of spades, and played another diamond. West following low.

Now South was in a quandary. He could play the king on the basis of West's holding the A-7-4, or the ten on the basis of West's holding the J-7-4. Either play could turn out right or wrong. In fact, South guessed wrong. He played the king and later lost another diamond trick to go down one.

It is true that South ran into sturdy defense, as well as bad luck. However, his difficulties were self-created. He should have made the contract without torturing himself with a guess. He missed a sure-fire method of play.

After ruffing the club and drawing trumps, South should have played the A-J of spades, deliberately snuffing the spade finesse. A later diamond lead to the queen would have guaranteed an entry to dummy for a diamond discard on the queen of spades. His only losers would have been a spade, a diamond and a club.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
 Social life should be quite stimulating now. Group activities are favored. Don't let small problems build up in relationships.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
 This is a good time to make an impression on higher-ups. A social event could lead to important business connections.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Travel and cultural events are emphasized. You should accept invitations to go out, but don't take loved ones for granted.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Be alert for financial opportunities now. Some of you will receive a gift. Try to be more accommodating with family members.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
 Express romantic sentiments. Your charm and personality should make a favorable impression on others. Watch for minor travel delays.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
 You'll have to watch expenditures now, but you should meet with success in creative projects. Socialize with co-workers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 Children's affairs are happily emphasized. Romance and hobbies bring satisfaction, but be protective of health and diet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 Entertaining at home is your best bet for fun. Indications say the social scene affords less satisfaction. Be tactful in romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 Unexpected visitors could disrupt your domestic routine. Local visits may prove to be romantic. Expect some good news via phone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 You may find a good value at an auction or while shopping. Sidestep business negotiations now. Make Sunday a day of rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 You may receive faulty advice about a financial matter. You're charming and personable now. You'll impress others favorably.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
 Put aside business concerns and enjoy personal satisfactions. You'll enjoy private moments with a loved one. Hobbies are fun, too!

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Brazilian tree
 4 Suppress
 10 Fog
 12 Arthurian maid
 13 Withered
 14 Snoopy is one
 15 Back to back
 17 Not him!
 18 Woman's name
 19 New Guinea town
 20 Melt, as ore
 22 Covers
 23 Circus rider's feat
 24 Holding places
 25 Pastry
 26 Intertwined
 27 Candelnut tree
 28 Promenade
 29 Sesame
 30 Craftsman
 33 Eastern Christian
 35 Approximate
 37 Grated
 38 Festal
 39 Corrida beast
 40 Bo Derek number
 DOWN
 1 Stupid one
 2 Dickinson or Whitman
 3 Atmosphere
 4 French revolutionary
 5 Muslim religious doctors
 6 Old Arab measure
 7 Extravagant existence
 8 Like some gas
 9 Ranking woman
 11 Hanging
 16 See 1 Down
 20 Of endurance
 21 Diego Rivera was one
 22 Deprived of
 23 Level of attainment
 24 Mariner seas
 26 Texas city
 28 Kind of lily
 31 Do an usher's job
 32 Folk - 34 GI's over-seas address
 36 "The mouse - up..."

Yesterday's Answer

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
 AXYDLRAAXE
 IS LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

IVSUVETHE EKVQWR BHLTY
 YOFTE YKMY IKMOGGTOHE
 MFR THMFR DVNE IMF
 BKLEYWT - YKVSME DTTIKMS
 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HE IS ALWAYS THE SEVEREST CENSOR OF THE MERIT OF OTHERS WHO HAS THE LEAST WORTH OF HIS OWN. - ELIAS LYMAN MAGGON

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DHAHRAN TV Aramco

4:30 Children's Show
 5:00 AFC championship
 7:30 Little House on the prairie
 8:30 Rebecca
 9:10 Dallas

SAUDI RADIO Jeddah

ENGLISH SERVICE
 2:00 Opening
 2:05 Holy Quran
 2:10 News
 2:15 Light Music
 2:20 Pop Variety
 2:25 Light Music
 3:00 The News
 3:05 Press Review
 3:10 Sports & Events
 3:20 Light Music
 3:30 Youth Welfare
 3:40 Light Music
 3:50 Closures
 Evening Transmission
 9:00 Opening
 9:05 Holy Quran
 9:10 News
 9:15 Light Music
 9:20 The Evening Show
 9:25 Cuppersions of the Prophet
 10:00 Arabic by Radio
 10:10 Light Music
 10:15 The News
 10:25 S. Chronicle
 10:30 Sounds of the Eighties
 11:00 Data to Remember
 11:05 Music Medley
 11:15 A Small World
 11:25 Concert Choice
 12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
 1:00 Closures.

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 8:01 Versets Et Commentaires
 8:10 Musique Classique
 8:15 Bonjour
 8:20 Varietes
 8:30 Evénements sur le plan
 8:45 Orient Et Occident
 8:50 Musique
 Informations.
 9:10 Lumière sur les informations.
 9:15 Varietes.
 9:20 Une Station religieuse: Espri de l'Islam.
 9:45 Varietes.
 9:58 Clôture.
 Vendredi du Sabre de dimanche
 19:00
 19:01 Versets Et Commentaires.
 19:10 Musique Classique.
 19:15 Varietes.
 19:30 Emission Culturelle d'Arab par le Radio.
 19:45 Emission de Varietes, Perteopie.
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 20:25 Musique.
 20:30 Informations.
 20:40 Revue de Presse.
 20:45 Varietes: Musique Orientale.
 20:58 Clôture.

BBC

Morning Transmission
 8.00 World News
 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours
 News Summary
 8.30 Sarah Ward
 8.45 World Today
 9.00 Newsday
 9.50 Opera Star
 10.00 World News
 10.09 Twenty-Four Hours
 News Summary
 10.30 Sarah Ward
 10.45 Something to Show You
 11.00 World News
 11.09 Religionism
 11.15 Piano Style
 11.30 Brain of Britain 1978
 12.00 World News
 12.09 British Press Review
 12.15 World Today
 12.30 Financial News
 12.40 Look Ahead
 12.45 The Tony Myatt

Evening Transmission
 8.30 Take One
 8.45 Sports Round-up
 9.00 World News
 9.09 News about Britain
 9.15 Radio Newscast
 9.30 Farming World
 10.00 Outlook News Summary
 10.39 Stock Market Report
 10.48 Look Ahead
 10.45 Ulster in Focus
 11.00 World News
 11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
 12.15 Talkabout
 12.45 Nature Notebook
 1.00 World News
 1.09 World Today
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 1.40 Reflections
 1.45 Sports Round-up
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 2.09 Commentary
 2.15 The Face of England

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Evening
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 Wavelengths: 16.74, 13.84, 23.79 (meter)

7:45 Religious Program
 8:00 News
 8:10 Support Music
 8:30 Historical Note
 9:00 News
 9:05 Listener's Mail
 9:23 Request Music

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 Outlook: Analysis
 8:30 Details
 News Summary
 Special English: News Feature, The Making of a Nation
 News Summary
 Music USA:
 (Standard)
 9:30 News Roundup
 Reports: Actualities
 10:05 Opening Analysis

News Summary
 10:30 VOC Magazine
 America: Letter
 Column: Letter
 11:00 Special English: News
 11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)
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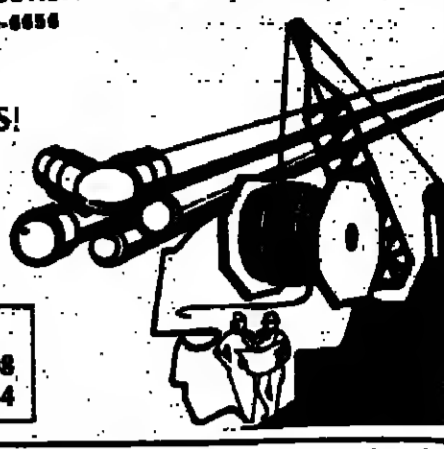
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Defending Europe

U.S. favors bigger NATO role

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (R) — A senior Pentagon official said Saturday the United States would neither upgrade its forces in Europe nor bear the burden of defending Western interests elsewhere unless allied defense spending increased sharply. Deputy Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci's remarks, prepared for a military conference in Munich, were described by officials here as a major statement of the new administration's policy toward NATO. The text was released by the Pentagon.

Ronald Reagan had begun sharply cutting domestic spending and increasing defense efforts, and Congress would insist the allies make similar sacrifices. He also called on the allies "to maintain the political conditions and public support necessary for modernization of long-range theater nuclear forces" as agreed by NATO in 1979.

In return, as part of what he called "a mature alliance," he said the administration would correct past U.S. tendencies to act inconsistently and without consulting the allies.

Carlucci, former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said President

Ustinov raps Washington

MOSCOW, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov Saturday denounced Washington's failure to ratify the Soviet-American SALT-II (strategic arms limitation treaty), and the new U.S. administration's "position of force" against the Soviet Union.

"The United States no longer produces and consumes 50 per cent of the world's gross national product. Europe is no longer shattered, impoverished and disoriented. Indeed, western Europe's total GNP exceeds that of



Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov

In a Pravda article on Soviet "army and fleet" day, he said the American attitude had "no future," while approval of SALT II — which the Senate under former President Jimmy Carter failed to ratify — was still an "effective" way to combat the arms race. Ustinov also accused "imperialist forces" carrying out "subversive" activities against Poland aimed at "destabilizing the country, discrediting the socialist regime and weakening the socialist community."

The Soviet strategic policy was "strongly defensive" in nature, he said, adding that Soviet armed forces were equipped with the latest weapons to defend the "interests of socialism".

While reaffirming the U.S. commitment to NATO's policy of increasing defense spending of three per cent a year, he said the allies should find better ways to measure military capability. He said the Reagan administration had set out to spend even more than the three per cent agreed upon. When Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger presents the much higher defense budget request to Congress next month, "he will be asked what new sacrifices our allies will make to join the American people in the common undertaking," Carlucci said.

Weinberger will point to substantial contributions the allies are already making, he said. "But this is not enough. We want to demonstrate that our allies and friends are contributing their fair share of the common burden." He said Western Europe's great interest in the security of the oil-producing Gulf was well recognized, but the large contribution it could make to defending that vital region was less well understood.

He said he was not urging a formal role for NATO, which has been limited traditionally to European and Atlantic defense, but was calling for efforts by members to improve their ties with nations in the region and deploy forces there.

On arms control, Carlucci said the United States would work closely with its European allies to achieve common positions "in areas of special concern to you." Carlucci noted that the Europeans considered their commitment to modernizing nuclear forces to be closely linked to continued arms control negotiations with Moscow. "Regrettably, the Soviets apparently do not acknowledge that relationship," he said. "Indeed, they are rapidly deploying the SS-20 missile in eastern Europe."

"It is imperative, therefore, for NATO to remain firm in implementing its modernization decision if we are to have reasonable hope for progress in arms control." A State Department spokesman said Secretary of State Alexander Haig had received an advance copy of Carlucci's speech and agreed that it was a major statement of the new administration's policy toward NATO.

Reprisals threatened

Dutch decision to sell submarines irks Peking

PEKING, Feb. 21 (AFP) — China Saturday appeared set on carrying out its threat of diplomatic reprisals against The Hague following the Dutch government's decision to maintain its authorization of the sale of two submarines to the Taipei government. An official Chinese spokesman described the Dutch government's decision Friday as "extremely regrettable." "We shall make our response after studying the formal reply from the Dutch," the spokesman said.

ment, reversing itself, voted against the government-authorized sale. Now the Dutch government has said the sales can go ahead.

Meanwhile, in Taipei, government officials expressed guarded optimism about the insistence of the Dutch government to sell two submarines to Taipei despite a second thought of the Dutch parliament.

"This is purely a business matter," one government official pointed out. "Yet, international politics seemed to have polluted business transactions in recent years," he added.

China had already warned Jan. 19 that the sale of the two submarines to Taipei would automatically trigger Chinese reprisals, namely the downgrading of the current diplomatic relations (at ambassadorial level) to the charge d'affaires level which existed before the full normalizing between the two countries in 1972. The dispute began late last year over plans by the Rotterdam shipyard Rijn-Schelde-Verolme to build the two submarines for Taipei.

Peking holds that the sale violates the principles governing the Sino-Dutch normalization, under which The Hague recognizes that Taipei is an integral part of China. Analysts here said the Chinese tough stance on the issue was meant as a warning to Washington, as Peking fears that U.S. President Ronald Reagan may carry out his stated intentions — voiced during the U.S. presidential campaign — to restore official ties with Taipei.

China had put off its threat of reprisals against The Hague after the Dutch parliament

Florence kidnapers free youth unharmed

FLORENCE, Feb. 21 (AP) — Dario Caschi, 19, who was kidnapped as he left a high school gym Oct. 29, was released unharmed Saturday after his family paid a ransom believed to be more than \$1 million police said. The manner in which he was released and the exact amount of the ransom were not immediately known. Police were interviewing the teenager at his home to determine where he was dropped off and how he was released.

Caschi, the son of a contractor, was abducted from outside a gym about 15 kms from Florence by several masked armed men who forced him into their car. The kidnapers shot a basketball coach in the arm who tried to stop the abduction, injuring him lightly. Caschi plays basketball as an amateur.

5 die in air collision

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Five persons were killed when an air force helicopter and a single-engine trainer aircraft collided mid-air and crashed at Patiala aerodrome, 40 kms north of here Friday it was reported Saturday.

The dead were two army captains, a flying tractor and his trainee and a woman cutting grass at the airfield. The accident occurred when the trainer aircraft, belonging to the lala flying club, overshot the runway and the Cheetak helicopter from below.



BILBAO PROTEST: Two buses were burnt in Bilbao Sunday by explosions of Molotov cocktails hurled by angry youths demonstrating against the death of Basque separatist Jose Aguirre while in police custody.

Poland to ration food from April 1

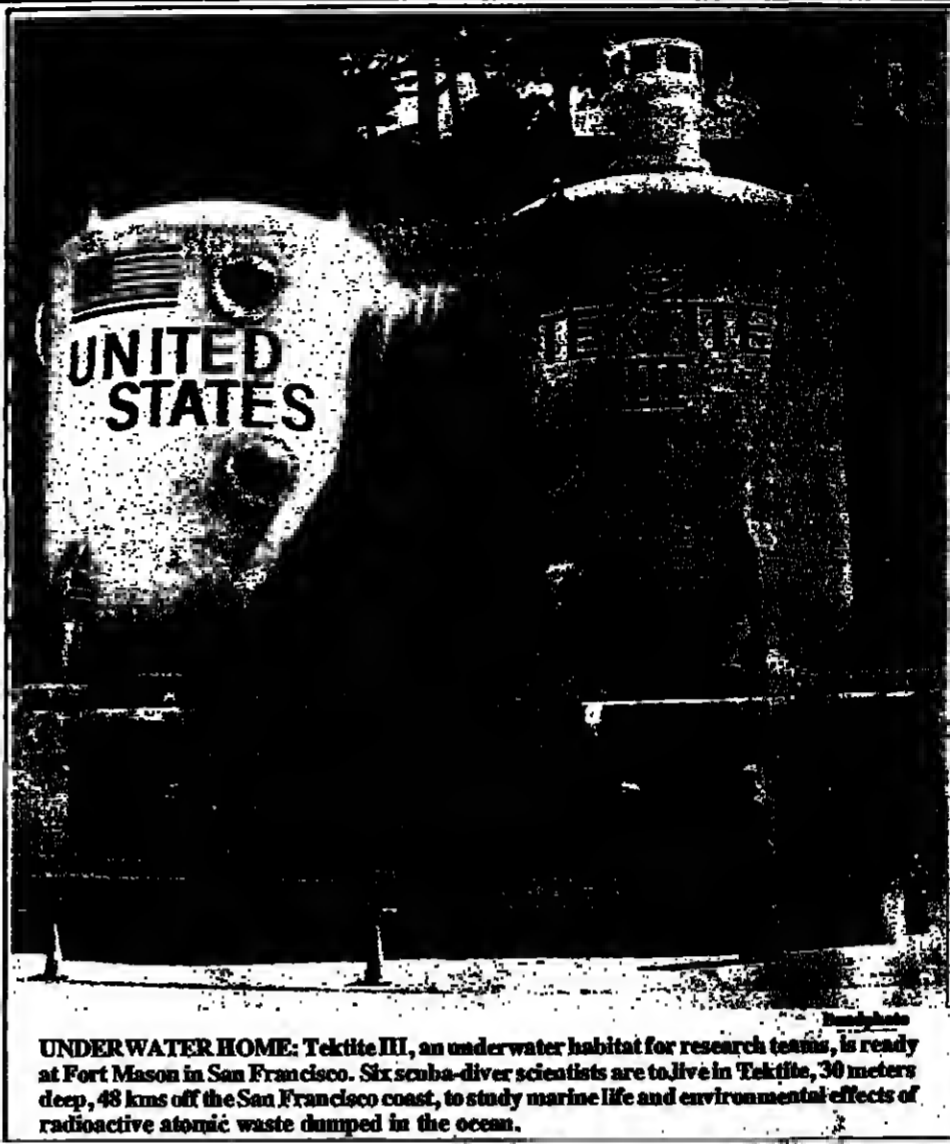
WARSAW, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — The Polish cabinet has started examining urgent measures to implement the proposals made to parliament by Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski, the PAP news agency reported Saturday. The cabinet meeting Friday chaired by the premier, considered public health, housing, and the administration of urban areas as well as agriculture and food products.

The commission on the economy, which will be headed by Vice Premier Mieczyslaw Jagielski, is intended to ensure that social and economic measures to restore balance to the economy, are applied effectively.

The commission on the unions, to be chaired by Vice-Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski, will be responsible for explaining the government's policy to the unions and for taking part in negotiations. The commission on food, headed by Vice-Premier Roman Malinowski, will have a consultative role on questions of management and output in the food sector.

At a televised press conference outlining the plan, Minister of Home Trade Adao Kowalik said the government would not oppose Solidarity's insistence that coupons for rationed articles be provided for those who are fit to work but choose not to. The only people not included in the plan are farmers who do not sell at least \$500 worth of farm goods to the government each year.

The plan, to be tested for three months initially, includes a halving of sugar rations to one kg per month in March and running through October because of the need to import some 200,000 tons of sugar to meet current needs.



UNDERWATER HOME: Tektite III, an underwater habitat for research teams, is ready at Fort Mason in San Francisco. Six scuba-diver scientists are to live in Tektite, 30 meters deep, 48 kms off the San Francisco coast, to study marine life and environmental effects of radioactive atomic waste dumped in the ocean.

War mediation

Palme meets Rajai aide

TEHRAN, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Former Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, the special U.N. envoy attempting new mediation in the Iran-Iraq war, had talks here Saturday with Premier Muhammad Ali Rajai's political adviser, Muhammad Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Iranian news agency Pars said.

Palme, who arrived here Thursday after a three-day stay in the Iraqi capital Baghdad, would leave Tehran Sunday, a spokesman for him said. He met President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr Friday.

The newspaper Mizan, considered sympathetic to former Premier Mehdi Bazargan, Saturday criticized "diplomatic anarchy" in Iran, following talks between Palme and supreme court president Ayatollah Muhammad Beheshti. The two men were to meet again Saturday, the spokesman for Palme said.

Mizan recalled that they had met during Palme's two previous missions here, and said it was "unprecedented in the world that foreign diplomatic and political authorities should arrive in a country and meet officials other than those from the foreign ministry, unless it (the ministry) has given authorization." The newspaper also deplored the



U.N. mediator Olof Palme

fact that the content of their talks was not announced, and that "foreign diplomats and ambassadors posted in Tehran go wherever they like and meet whomever they want, without any controls."

Bani-Sadr told Palme Friday that Iran rejected any peace negotiations with Iraq as long as a single Iraqi soldier remained on war-conquered Iranian territory, Tehran radio reported.

The president and Palme also discussed "principles on which agreement could be reached" to end the 152-day-old war between Iran and Iraq on the northern flank of the Gulf, according to the broadcast.

The state radio did not spell out these principles. But Palme defined them in a statement he made in Baghdad on Thursday before flying to the Iranian capital as "non-interference in domestic affairs and non-seizure of territory by force."

Palme told newsmen before the meeting the peace-making process was "extremely complicated and difficult," but that he would continue his efforts and possibly make more trips to the two warring nations until a solution to resolve the crisis is reached, according to the broadcast.

Meanwhile, fifty-six Iranians were killed in fighting along the Gulf war battlefield in 24 hours, the official Iraqi News Agency reported Friday night. The agency said 14 Iraqis died. It quoted an Iraqi high command communique as saying that an oil tank was set on fire in the Abadan region of Iraq and two gunboats were destroyed in the nearby Karun River.

Sihanouk asks Son Sann to join Kampuchea talks

PEKING, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Former Kampuchean head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk has invited the main anti-Communist group in the country to join him in the proposed negotiations with the Khmer Rouge on the formation of an anti-Vietnamese coalition in the first week of March.

In a message from his home in Pyongyang, North Korea, where he lives in exile, received Saturday by the Agence France-Presse bureau here, Prince Sihanouk said he had proposed to Son Sann's Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) to take part in "the discussions between the Khmer Rouge and us, and the nationalists."

Sihanouk recently stated that he conditionally agreed to lead a Kampuchean united front against Vietnamese occupation forces. Son Sann, a former premier under the prince, was named by the latter as one of the three Kampuchean figures likely to head a coalition government. With its 3,000 men, Son Sann's KPNLF is the leading anti-Communist resistance movement battling the Hanoi-propped Phnom Penh regime.

The two other figures named by Sihanouk as possible premiers of a coalition government are Khieu Samphan, leader of the deposed Khmer Rouge regime, and Penn North, premier in Kampuchea's former royal government toppled by a pro-American coup in 1970.

Fielding some 30,000 men against the 200,000 Vietnamese troops deployed in Kampuchea, the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge represent the principal resistance force confronting the pro-Vietnamese Phnom Penh regime.

Aware of the Khmer Rouge's tarnished image in the world — they are held responsible for the massacres of hundreds of thousands of Kampucheans during their three-year rule in Phnom Penh — China has been trying for some time to talk Prince Sihanouk into leading an anti-Vietnamese coalition.

Greece protests U.S. army exercise

ATHENS, Feb. 21 (R) — Greece protested to the United States Saturday about a U.S. army exercise during which a 20-man detachment entered a northern Greek city wearing gas masks and protective clothing against chemical warfare. A statement by the foreign ministry said the incident in the city of Drama Thursday violated regulations, saying U.S. troops in Greece should never train outside military camps except in combined exercise with Greek forces.

The ministry said Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis had summoned U.S. Ambassador Robert J. McCloskey to the ministry this morning to lodge the protest. "The Greek government asked the American ambassador to take the necessary steps for the strict observance of these agreements and regulations," the statement said.

"McCloskey expressed his government's regret for the incident which he attributed to a misunderstanding by the officer in charge of the detachment and assured the Greek government that in future existing agreements and regulations will be adhered to," the statement added.

Opposition leader Andreas Papandreu described the American exercise as "an intolerable provocation." He said, "The U.S. armed forces which are being given hospitality in our country consider Greek as their protectorate and an open field." The incident comes at a time when negotiations between the government and the United States over the future status of American military bases in Greece have entered a delicate phase. The negotiations concern a new defense and cooperation agreement between the two countries which would allow the continued operation of American military bases in Greece in exchange for substantial military aid.

There is a strong anti-American feeling in Greece fueled by opposition parties which want Greece out of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and all American bases closed.

2 Cubans seek Portugal visas

LISBON, Feb. 21 (AP) — Two Soviet-trained Cuban communications technicians hopeful of resettling in the United States have broken their Moscow-Havana flight to Lisbon with requests for temporary Portuguese visas, airport authorities said here.

The two Cubans, Carlos Manuel Sarraf Diaz, 25, and Roberto Lazaro Garcia Morales, 26, approached Friday an official at Lisbon's Portela airport during a routine stopover on the Aeroflot flight from the Soviet capital and indicated they wished to leave their country for political reasons, adding they would apply to join relatives living in the United States.

Portela authorities said the pair had asked for and received four-day Portuguese entry visas, the 15th and 16th Cubans to do so over the past six months. Portugal has continued to renew identical visas given to the earlier Cuban arrivals pending resolution of their requests to move out to the United States.

The latest incident came nearly two weeks after Portugal expelled Aeroflot's resident director of operations, Vitali Buranov, in retaliation for a thwarted attempt by another Cuban to remain in Lisbon Dec. 27.

A group of fellow passengers restrained the Cuban and hustled him out of the airport lounge and back aboard the Aeroflot liner. The expulsion order charged the others with "specially-trained security agents" and termed the scene "an affront to Portuguese sovereignty."

Garcia was reported married to an El Salvadoran national living in Leningrad. Diaz's wife, also reported living in Leningrad, is a Soviet citizen, the authorities said.

23 hurt in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Feb. 21 (AP) — An explosion shattered a jewelry store Saturday in a popular tourist shopping center, injuring 23 persons. Initial reports said four Europeans, believed to be tourists, were among the casualties. Police said they did not know who might have set off the bomb.

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